

Newsflash



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Auxiliary Service Updates

As you are aware, the hospital and the Auxiliary are having to deal with this latest upsurge in COVID cases. You should have received email messages from Beverley about the hospital mandate with regard to booster shots, as well as detailed instructions about what to do if you test positive or have been exposed to someone who has. We urge you to get that booster shot, if you haven't already done so, to protect yourself and your loved ones. Please bring your documentation to the Auxiliary Office, so that we can verify your information and pass it along to the Employee Health Department. Those of you in Los Gatos can leave your information with Emille Herr or Vanessa Binder, and they will forward it to the Mountain View office.

Be advised that if you have not been vaccinated or boosted before 1/24, you will not be allowed to come to work in the hospital.

Now for some news. As of today, the only service to be shut down is in LG and it is OPS. We are letting the chair/co-chair of Escort in Mountain View decide where to limit their volunteers. All other services remain open at this time. This is a very fluid situation and will change, so please read your emails as soon as they arrive. It is the only effective way we have of communicating with you. We ask you to do what we have all be asked to do: wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands, and stay home if you experience any of the symptoms.

We hope with this new year and some time, we will all be able to overcome this terrible infection. Be Safe.

Best Wishes,
Linda and Judy

President's Messages

Judy VanDyck

Happy New Year Everyone!

I send best wishes to you for 2022.

Congratulations to all of you for your ongoing commitment to ECH. Sharing your time, and energy is what makes our Auxiliary so special to the patients, staff and visitors.

Please know that you are appreciated for all that are and all that you do.

Linda Heider

The world is experiencing a global pandemic which impacts all of us in one way or another. It is so important that we maintain a positive outlook and do our best to look forward to the better times ahead. To do this, I believe it helps to have a sense of purpose, have a reason for getting up in the morning, count our many blessings, and find a way to help others. It won't be easy, but this is how we stay strong and continue on when this is all over. Moreover, if you or a loved one need assistance, don't be afraid to ask for it. I wish you all only the very best in this New Year!



Booster Shots

All employees **must receive a COVID-19 booster vaccination by January 24, 2022** (Pfizer or Moderna, even if your initial vaccination was J&J) or as soon as you are eligible (five months after the second Pfizer or Moderna shot, or two months after the J&J shot).

Employee Wellness & Health Services (EWHS) is partnering with Outpatient Pharmacy to provide an additional series of **on-site clinics the weeks of January 17 and 24**. Booster vaccines are provided at no charge for employees, volunteers, contractors and physicians at both campuses.

Mountain View	Los Gatos
Tuesday, Jan. 18: 1: Conf. Room E 11 a.m.–5 p.m.	Wednesday, Jan. 19: Conf. Room 1 7 a.m.–1 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 21: Conf. Room E 7 a.m.–1 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 20: Conf. Room 2 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 24: Conf. Room E 11 a.m.–5 p.m.	

Make an appointment to avoid vaccine wastage, keep lines low, and adhere to social distancing:

1. Visit El Camino Health [vaccine scheduler page](#).
2. Select the "Restricted Employees Only" option for your location (LG or MV).
3. Select your desired vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer, only). If you require Johnson & Johnson, please call the Outpatient Pharmacy.
4. Press GO to see available appointment slots.
5. **Do not share** the scheduler link, as it is for employees, physicians, and volunteers only.

Please bring a completed COVID-19 vaccination [screener and consent form](#). Remember to also bring a government-issued **photo ID**, your **insurance card**, and your CDC vaccination card.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Carol Bertram, Naomi Takigawa, Teresa Day and Deborah Mallon for all their help with putting up and taking down of the Christmas decorations. Truly a labor of love!

What if I'm exposed?

Here's what to do...

Regardless of vaccination status, if you have any **cold- or flu-like symptoms**—no matter how minor they may seem—**do not under any circumstances report to work**. Instead stay home and isolate, and call the Employee Wellness & Health Services influenza/COVID hotline at 650-988-7807 for guidance on next steps.

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of work, regardless of vaccination status please stay home and call the Employee Wellness & Health Services influenza/COVID hotline at 650-988-7807 for guidance on next steps. An exposure is if you have been within an infected person for more than 15 minutes.

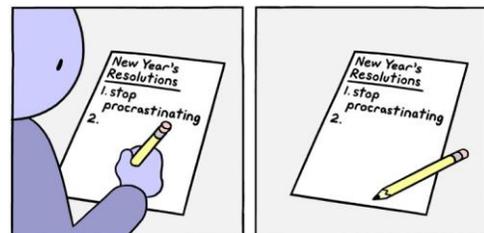
To schedule a COVID-19 test at el Camino Health, visit elcaminohealth.org/landing/schedule-covid-19-test.

To schedule a COVID-19 test at another Santa Clara County location, visit covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-testing.

Please contact Employee Wellness & Health Services at ehs@elcaminohealth.org if you have any questions.

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