

# Emergency Department Update

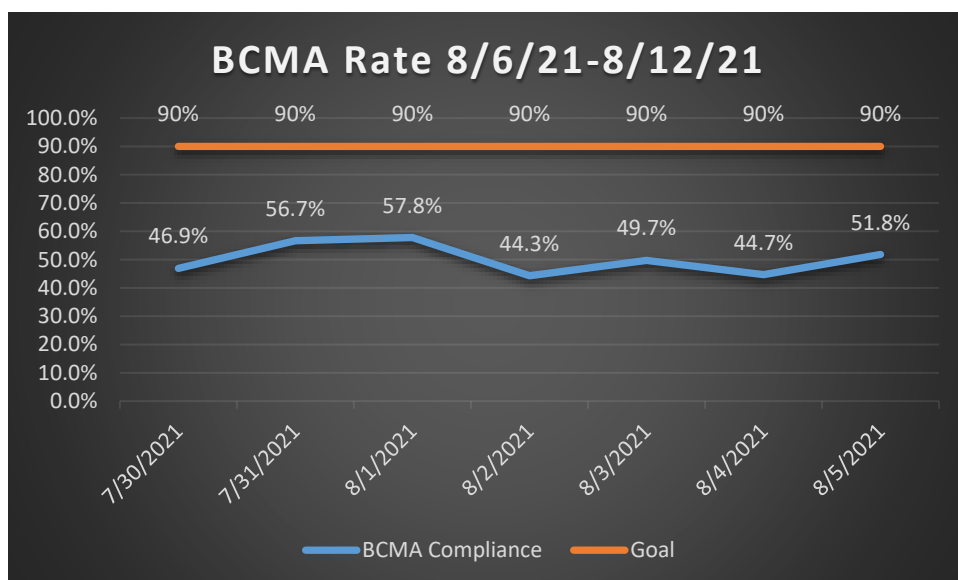
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021

## GENERAL

### VACCINE STATUS

A reminder to us all that the decision to get vaccinated or not to get vaccinated is a very personal one and can be influenced by many things. There are many reasons people choose either to be vaccinated or not. We have made it thus far in this pandemic by supporting one another. Let us continue to do that and respect everyone's decision whether it is to be vaccinated or not to be vaccinated.

### BARCODE MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION (BCMA)



## NURSE MANAGER'S CORNER

- **Updated Visitor Policy:** No visitors in the ED unless they meet our compassionate exception criteria. Visitors that fall into this category do not require proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours.
- **Monitoring Policy:** In the past we have had a patient code in CT that was off monitor. To help improve patient safety and ensure we are performing best practices, the department has revised our patient monitoring policy ([https://in-dphsp01.in.sfdph.net/CHNPolicies/Emergency\\_Department/MONITORING.pdf](https://in-dphsp01.in.sfdph.net/CHNPolicies/Emergency_Department/MONITORING.pdf)). RNs will be receiving this monitoring policy in your DPH email and we will be asking staff to do a read a sign. Please review the document to ensure your practice is aligned with our monitoring policy. An ED Case Review Learning tool will also be done for this case and be sent out soon.
- **Security Reminder:** We recently had a close call in our department regarding a weapon found on a visitor of a walk-up victim. Please ensure all people associated with walk ups get screened by security before being allowed back into the department. Remember, visitors are only allowed for critically ill and pediatric patients.
- **Respiratory Waiting Room:** Please remember to use the Decon Shower room for our patients with respiratory symptoms that are waiting to be seen.
- **COVID Testing:** For patients waiting for an emergency/urgent procedure, please consider doing BOTH rapid and routine tests on these patients in the event the procedure is cancelled. This will help expedite getting the patient to an inpatient bed if needed.

- **UPreg Lot Numbers:** Our rate of staff entering u-preg lot numbers is up to 77% from 44%. Keep up the good work!
- **Vaccination Status:** If you have not already done so, please report your vaccine status on the SF Employee Portal by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Failure to do so may result in progressive disciplinary action which could include termination.
- **PPE Reminder:** Please help us keep each other safe! Please remember to always wear a surgical mask. If you are in a clinical area, please be sure to wear your N95 with surgical mask and goggles. For intubation or patients requiring aerosolized meds, please remember to also put on a gown. TLs, please check your
- **Restocking of PPE:** PPE carts at the start of each shift and restock as needed. Let the CN know if the stock room is running low on supplies. The shelves have been labeled with the max number of items expected in each area.
- **Thank you:** A big thank you to the staff for working so hard during such a challenging time. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and willingness to work above and beyond. We are a team and a family and would not be able to do what we do without each other. THANK YOU!
- **Inpatient Code Blues in the ED CT Scanner:** if the need arises to call a Code Blue for an Inpatient in the ED CT scanners, please also call the Code Blue extension (6-1122), which will notify the inpatient code blue team. The Code Blue buttons in the ED do not alert the Inpatient Code Blue Team

## COVID-19

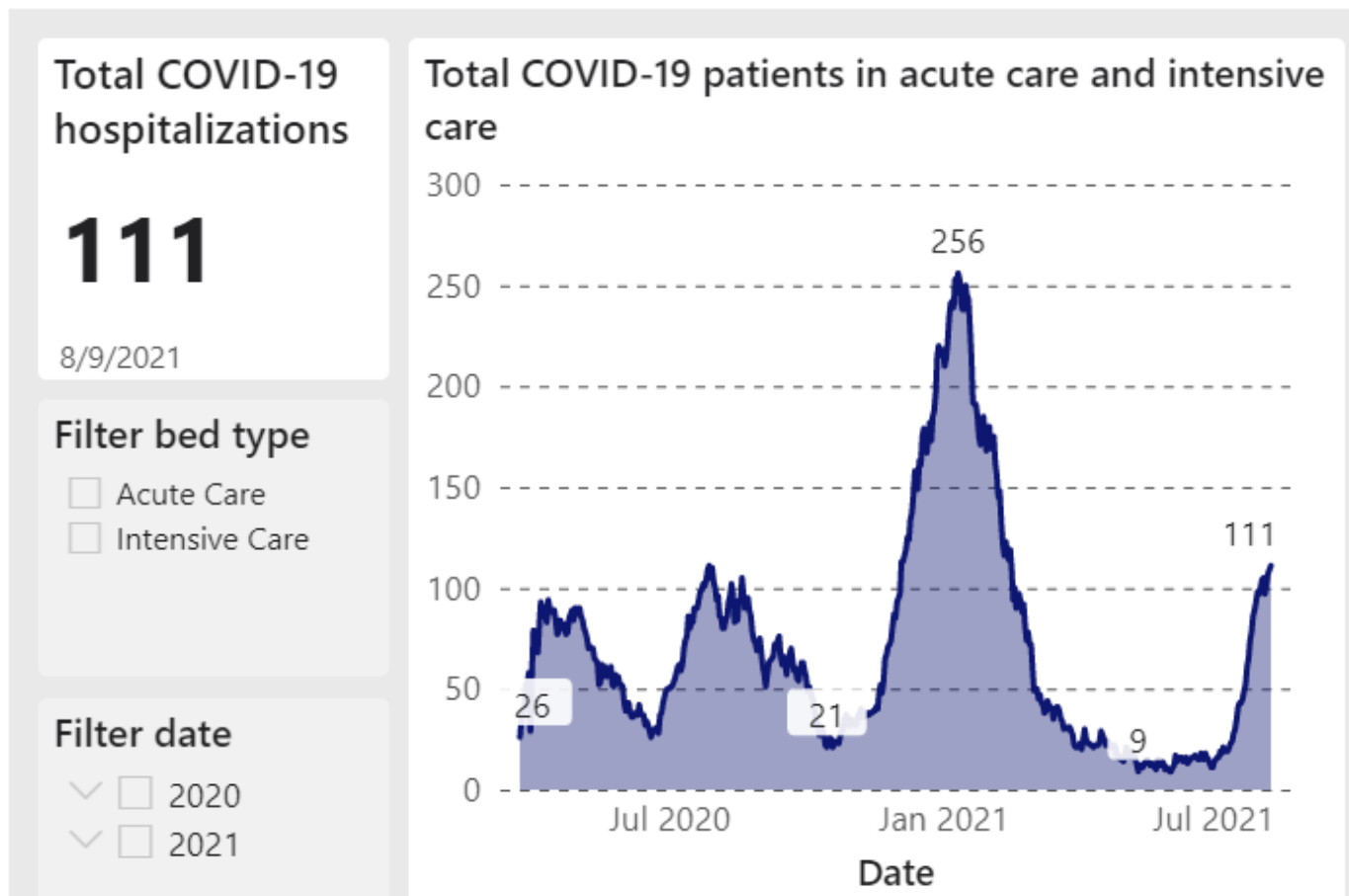
### EMPLOYEE COVID-19 CASES ON CAMPUS

- 4 new infections today, Friday, August 13, 2021, for a total of 349 total since the pandemic started

### SELF-SCREENING

- Please continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID and if experiencing any, contact OHS 628-206-4100

### COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS



## PHARMACY

No updates this week

## EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS

No updates this week

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE PEARL

Dina Wallin, MD, FACEO, FAAP

Itchy skin stuff is common in kids! Whether from insect bites, a virus, or allergies, kids love to erupt in itchy rashes. Once your astute H&P skills have excluded anaphylaxis, Stevens-Johnson, and other life-threatening etiologies, then you're down to symptom control. The fastest and easiest intervention in the ED is **diphenhydramine** 0.5-1 mg/kg PO, with *symptom improvement*, NOT resolution of rash, as your end point. I like to recommend the following regimen for home:

- Cetirizine 1-2 times daily x 1-2 weeks
- Diphenhydramine q6h PRN
- Hydroxyzine q6h PRN
- Topical steroids (hydrocortisone ointment or cream) for particularly affected patches

**Never give systemic steroids** for eczema/atopic dermatitis or isolated urticaria without anaphylaxis, unless you're excited to field correspondence from an angry dermatologist (the rebound is real). If you want to save yourself time with your next itchy kid, please feel free to borrow my DC instructions dot phrase: ".DWECEZEMA". Good luck!

### AHA & ENA Courses

- September 9 & 10 **ACLS**
- September 16 & 17 **TNCC**
- October 1 **ACLS EP**

Register at:

<https://zsfgedt2.wixsite.com/zsflearning/american-heart-association-training-center-1>

- September 24 **BLS, ACLS, and/or PALS** recert

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2021-ED-AHA>

## CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Send me your celebrations ([david.staconis@sfdph.org](mailto:david.staconis@sfdph.org)) that you would like included in the ED Updates and I will share them here.

- I would like to recognize and thank **Roxanna Xu, MEA**. I was coming on as the pod C TL. Roxana was able to stock all the IV carts, linens and PPE cart prior to our shift starting. This made the shift start off smoother by not making us run around to find supplies and stock our area. ~**Floyd Frazier, RN, Pod C Team Lead**



- Big thank you to **Carmen Urbina, MEA** for always making sure the patient rooms are clean. She is always keeping herself busy. We appreciate you Carmen! ~**Juan Castaneda, Charge Nurse**
- The new Emergency Nurse Training Program cohort has started, Yay! 8 RN's, all reassignments from various areas of DPH. Please say Hi and welcome them to the department. **Selin Senel, RN;**  
**Laura Helmstetter, RN;** **Briauna Keller, RN;** **Sandra Nicholson, RN;**  
**Larry Hutchinson, RN;** **Natalia Ramirez, RN;** **Katherine Leung, RN;**  
**Stephanie Yee, RN**  
~**Dave Staconis, RN Nurse Manager (Interim Director)**

