



Health Care Coalition of Orange County

Coalition Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Calvin Fakkema at 10:30 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attendance Information obtained from Zoom participant report.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The October 28, 2021 minutes were approved.

IV. EMS/HEM REPORT

- Covid 19 cases are still quite high but one week ago, it was much higher. We are on the downslope.
- Covid 19 hospitalizations are on the downslope as well.
- SNFS & long-term care facilities outbreaks have increased.
- Diversion is still suspended for the county due to elevated APOTs.
- Omicron, which represents 99+% of the cases, tends to be less severe.
- Viral load of Omicron is about as high as Delta. Half of people with Omicron still had a low CT (cycle threshold), meaning there is still a relatively high viral load in them after 5 days.
- Influenza case rates & hospitalizations are extremely low. Currently one hospitalization per influenza in the county.
- CDPH is offering a vaccination support program.
- The state supplies vaccinators for vaccine efforts. Reach out to IAP for that.
- AOC is accepting some resource requests for some items in general, but proof is required that the items are not available through other channels.
- Most efforts have been in supporting mobile PODs for vaccination. The state logistics taskforce has notified us that CAPH & CALOES have authorized all public health & medical stakeholders to request a 30 day statement supply of PPE.
- Requests for PPE deadline is close of business day on February 11, 2022.
- Testing supplies
- We don't have Ambry Covid-19 PCR testing kits.
- Federal government has extended BinaxNOW testing kit expiration date to 15 months after manufacturer expiration date.
- We have a small supply of CareStart antigen kits.
- Fulgent testing kits will expire in March. However, OC residents & workers can access PCR test kits on the ochealthinfo website select "testing" & order a test kit.
 - i. <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>
- We have received some over the counter iHealth test Covid-19 test kits. The main supply is being prioritized for congregate settings.

- We have received Covid-19 test kits for healthcare workers for home testing for return to work purposes. Allocation will be in the dozens to hundreds rather than thousands.
- The state is sending out BinaxNOW testing kits for skilled nursing facilities but only for visitors.
- There is an allocation from CDPH for outpatient clinics that is mainly focused on community health centers. That is their priority group.
 - i. Working with the coalition of Orange County community health centers,
 - ii. There are a lot of hospital based organizations such as CHOC, UCI & St. Jude who should be getting some allocation as well. Public Health is working on getting BinaxNOW kits distributed to hospitals.
- At this time, there is no BinaxNOW for general use.
- Sotrovimab & Evusheld are the only two monoclonal antibodies that are authorized against the Omicron variant. They are both in short supply.
- REGEN-COV & Bam/Ete are ineffective against Omicron &, as of January 25th, 2022, the FDA has pulled their emergency use authorization.
- AOC brought on board two unpaid interns. Two more interns in the pipeline.
- AOC is interviewing for three open positions.
- Training calendar is being put together for the year. A series of classes ranging from one to two hours for internal staff & Healthcare Coalition members.
- Certain N95 expiration dates are extended from two years to five years.
- Establishment of a disaster resource center. DRC project on hold.
- DRC is meant to establish regional leadership during a widespread disaster.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- No old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Meetings Schedule was shared.
- **Committee Reports**
 - *Hospital – Chris Riccardi* – Covid-19 Coordinator calls every two weeks; Advisory Committee Meeting, monthly. Biggest issue is staffing. Various supplies have been unattainable. The next coordinator call will be February 10, 2022.
 - *EMS – Kim Zaky* – Not present. No report given.
 - *SNF/LTC – Paula Panganiban* – Not present. No report given.
 - *Home Health Hospice – Mary Brackett* – They are in a re-building type mode for committee members & regular participation.
 - *Outpatient, Dialysis – Jeanette Yocono/ Ed Cvelich* – Not present. Daniel from St. Joseph Hospital – In the dialysis community, facilities have run out of chemicals. They've had to send patients to other facilities. It's been ongoing for about 4 weeks.
 - *Outpatient, Clinic/Urgent Care/Surgery – Adriana Nieto-Sayegh* – Not present. No report given.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Calvin Fakkema will send out a calendar invite once he has a distribution list for group for future meetings.
- Some facilities are receiving BinaxNOW kits with solution, some are not.
- The administrator for Alva Aguirre, from Orange Healthcare, is in the process of obtaining more solution for BinaxNOW kits.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, April 28th, 2022

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 11:45 a.m.