Town Hall Meeting

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023  10:00 - 11:00 AM

AGENDA

1. DR. DAVID STRICK
   "UPDATE ON COVID GUIDELINES"

2. DR. KATHLEEN THOMPSON
   "PROCESS AND PROCEDURES TO REQUEST PI WAIVERS"

3. RAJ PRASAD
   "INSTITUTIONAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT"

We'll start shortly...
Upcoming 2023 Town Hall Meetings

OCTOBER 27, 2023

DECEMBER 1, 2023
Covid-19 Updates

David Strick, Ph.D.
Director of Safety & Emergency Management
Covid-19 Cases

Santa Clara County SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Monitoring Dashboard

SARS-CoV-2 concentration levels from collected samples:
- San Jose Sewershed: Medium
- Palo Alto Sewershed: High
- Sunnyvale Sewershed: Medium
- Gilroy Sewershed: Medium

Concentration of SARS-CoV-2 in Wastewater Samples

COVID Cases and Deaths Dashboard

Most Recent 7-Day Rolling Average of New COVID Cases: 115

Displaying: Cases, Deaths, Case Demographics, Death Demographics
Timeframe: Past 90 Days, All Time

Values for the most recent 7 days are preliminary.
Announcement

Wildfire Smoke Affecting Bay Area Air Quality

Environmental Health and Safety is continuing to monitor local air quality levels, to assess and predict the potential impact on personnel and operations. As of right now, we will continue to operate with no changes to schedule or outdoor duties.

Learn More

Announcement

New High Hazard Research Policy, September 2023

EH&S would like to announce a new High Hazard Research Policy coming in September. Research activities involving physical safety high hazards, such as confined space entry, work from heights, etc. must be approved by EH&S in advance. EH&S may require employees to undergo training specific to their area of work to mitigate potential hazards. EH&S will review the approved policy and any guidelines from the University's Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and develop a safe system of work to follow.
Close Contact Exposure

In alignment with Santa Clara County guidance, close contacts who are asymptomatic are no longer required to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.

Stanford asks faculty, staff, and postdocs who meet the definition of a close contact to please take the following actions:

- **COVID test.** We recommend completing a [COVID- test today and, if negative, again on days 3, 4, and 5 after your close-contact exposure](#). If you test positive during this time, you are required to submit the result via [Health Check](#).
- **If you develop symptoms following your exposure,** please complete Health Check and remain off-site, as symptoms following a close-contact exposure would be presumed to be COVID, until proven otherwise.
- **Wear a high-quality (KN95, N95) face mask.** You must wear a face mask on Stanford campuses for at least 10 days from your last close contact exposure.

If you have questions on the Health Check guidance, please [submit a help ticket](#).
Testing Positive and Isolation

Testing Positive

• Faculty, staff, and postdocs are required to notify Stanford, via Health Check, if they test positive for Sars CoV-2.
• Visitors and vendors who test positive for Covid-19, within 10 days of being onsite, must complete the General Covid-19 Case Reporting Form. General COVID-19 Case Reporting Form.

Isolation

• HealthCheck will generate and initial recommended isolation period. Medical support team will review and adjust accordingly.

May qualify for return on day 6 provided

• Fever-free for 48 hours
• Rapid-test negative on day 5 or later
• Wear a high-quality face mask
Asymptomatic Testing – Mostly Not Required

The university is making rapid antigen tests available for faculty, staff, postdocs, and students at the following locations:

**Arrillaga Family Dining Commons (AFDC)**
- 489 Arguello Way, Stanford
- Pickup: 9AM – 4PM (M-F)
- Closed on Federal and University holidays

**Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)**
- 484 Oak Road, Stanford
- Pickup: 8AM – 4PM (M-F)

**Stanford Redwood City**
- 900 Warrington, Stanford
- Stanford RecWell Front Desk
- Pick Up: 9AM – 6PM (M-F)

To pick up rapid tests, you will need your Stanford ID and cell phone. You will be asked to scan a QR code to display your pick-up authorization badge on your phone. Staff will check your badge before giving you the tests. If you don’t have a phone, a staff member will manually check your records to verify eligibility. You are able to pick up 4 kits per pickup and up to 8 kits per month.

We recommend testing after travel or attending large gatherings before returning to on-campus activities. Information on the FDA’s shelf-life extension of Flowflex brand tests can be found here and here. Faculty, staff, and postdocs can also obtain rapid antigen tests through their health insurance providers.

For questions related to Stanford’s response to COVID-19 or other health concerns, please fill out this EH&S Health Guidance form.
Get four free at-home COVID-19 tests this fall on COVIDTests.gov

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home.

Order Free At-Home Tests

Accessible covid test: https://special.usps.com/testkits/accessible

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

The U.S. government will continue to make COVID-19 tests available to uninsured individuals and underserved communities through existing outreach programs. Please contact a HRSA health center, Test to Treat site, or ICATT location near you to learn how to access low- or no-cost COVID-19 tests provided by the federal government.

https://www.covid.gov/tests
Hand Hygiene

Wash Your Hands!

1. Wet
2. Get Soap
3. Scrub
4. Rinse
5. Dry

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

www.cdc.gov/handwashing
Masking

Face Mask Policy

• Stanford strongly recommends that individuals wear a face mask when symptomatic.

• Face masks are no longer mandatory in classrooms. However, individual instructors will have the option of requiring masks in classes. Instructors who require masking should inform students in advance on Canvas, the university’s learning management system, and by email.

• As of August 11, 2023, face masks must be worn when entering the Stanford University Occupational Health Center (OHC).

• Must wear if you have a close contact exposure or if you are coming back to campus on day 6 after having Covid.
Flu Shots are Available

Flu Program

**Stanford University Flu Information**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses, like flu. This fall and winter, getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever for you to protect yourself, your friends and family, and the Stanford community from flu.

FREE FLU VACCINATIONS will be available for the Stanford community through the Stanford University Occupational Health Center and Vaden Health Center. Please view the schedule below for drop-in hours.

**Free Vaccination Eligibility**

- Active Faculty and Staff
- Retirees
- Students
- Medical Students
- Postdoctoral Scholars / Fellows
- Domestic Partners of Students

**Bring…**

Bring your IDs
Spouses / domestic partners for faculty, staff, retirees bring a $40 check or cash

We are not able to provide pediatric shots at this time, so feel free to bring your children but we cannot administer a vaccine for them.

**Events Calendar**

- **Staff events include faculty, staff, post-docs, & retirees:**
  - Student events include Stanford undergrad and graduate students:
    - Tuesday October 3, 2023 9 am - 1 pm: 1701 Page Mill Road (Lobby) Staff only event.
    - Wednesday October 4, 2023 9am-1:30pm: Y2E2 Engineering Quad (Lawn Area) "Staff and Student Event".
    - Thursday October 5, 2023 12pm- 3pm: 800 Welch Road (Richards Conference Room FC180) Staff only.
    - Tuesday October 10, 2023 9am-11am: Arrillaga Family Dining Commons (Wellness Room) Staff only.
    - Wednesday October 11, 2023 9am-1:30pm: Clark Center Courtyard "Staff and Student Event".
    - Thursday October 12, 2023 11:30am-1:30pm: SLAC Safety Fair (Bldg 53 Trinity Room) Staff only.
    - Friday October 13, 2023 10am-12pm: 800 Welch Road (Richards Conference Room FC180) Staff only.
    - Tuesday October 17, 2023 9am-1pm: LBRE 340 Bonair Siding (Conference Room H&D) Staff only.
    - Wednesday October 18, 2023 9am -1pm: Graduate School of Business (MBA Student Lounge) "Staff and Student Event".
    - Thursday October 19, 2023 9am-1pm: 1701 Page Mill Road

[Flu.Stanford.edu](Flu.Stanford.edu)

High dose vaccines are available at the events and at the occupational health clinic.
Antigen Testing Information


This link contains information about the antigen kits and the extended expiration dates.

Most rapid antigen test kits target the nucleocapsid proteins. These proteins don’t change as much as the spike proteins which account for the Sars-CoV-2. So, the antigen kits should still work against the current variants.
Institutional Letters of Support

med.stanford.edu/researchoffice/resources/services.html
Support for School of Medicine Large NIH Grants

• **Overarching Goals:** Increase the support for submissions of large NIH U and P grants in the School of Medicine
  
  • Proposed grant direct cost between $1.5M to 2.5M
    ~$250,000 ($50K yr)
  
  • Proposed grant direct cost above $2.5M
    ~$500,000 ($100K yr)
The Research Office provides services to support researchers in conducting rigorous, high impact research. Whether you’re faculty, staff, or trainee, we’re here to help you throughout the research process.

Clinical Research Support

Conflicts of Interest

Engaging Research Participants

Institutional Letter of Support

Request Form: Letter of Support Requesting Institutional Commitment (NIH U & P Awards)
Request Form: Dean’s Letter of Support for All Grants (Except NIH U & P Awards)
Request Form - Letter of Support Requesting Institutional Commitment (NIH U & P Awards)

Please complete this form to request Letter of Support from the Dean and the Senior Associate Dean for Research.

**Type of Proposal (Eg NIH U or P Award)** *

**Type** *
- [ ] Requesting Financial Commitment from Dean's Office
- [ ] Requesting Financial Commitment from SADR Office
- [ ] Other

**Requester First Name** *

**Requester Last Name** *
Request Form - Letter of Support for All Grants (Except NIH U & P Award)

Please complete this form to request Letter of Support from the Dean and the Senior Associate Dean for Research.

**Letter of Support from:** *

- [ ] Dean Minor
- [ ] SADR, Dr. O'Hara
- [ ] Both Letters

**Type of Grant**

**Requester First Name** *

**Requester Last Name** *
• Thank you!

• Questions?
• Please email us at sadrmedicine@stanford.edu