

Emergency Department Update

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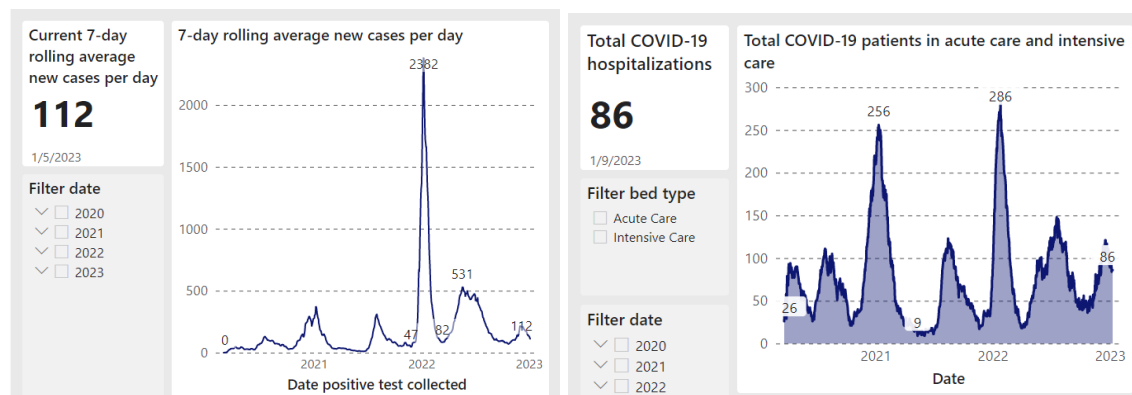
RETURN AND NEW TRAVEL NURSES

- Many contract employees starting this week. Including for the first time in the department Med-Surg nurses that will be helping with boarding patients assignments to relieve ED nurses and allow them to see ED patients, maximize staff beds, and support the triage team
- Please help all the new help feel welcomed and supported. The ED will be a new environment for some of them.

HOSPITAL COVID SURGE LEVEL

- As of Friday, January 13, 2022 we have **13** COVID positive hospitalized patients at ZSFG putting us at a Hospital Surge Level of **YELLOW**

COVID-19 CITY WIDE DATA



Last week's number: 154

Last week's number: 93

STAFF COVID CASES

- 9 new staff COVID cases yesterday. Please remember to mask appropriately, limit break rooms to max occupancy, use alternative break areas, and please no shared meals/pop-lucks.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PEM PEARL

Dina Wallin, MD, FACEP, FAAP

Hypothermia (temp < 36.5 degrees) can be a subtle sign of sepsis or invasive bacterial infection (IBI) in infants, especially in neonates. However, most existing literature combines well-appearing hypothermic infants with ill-appearing ones, which is less helpful.

A [recent study](#) explored the **frequency of IBI in well-appearing neonates** (≤ 28 days) who were incidentally noted to be hypothermic in an outpatient visit. **NONE** of those infants had IBI,

death, or other bad outcomes. No urine, blood, or CSF cultures were positive for a true pathogen, and no HSV tests were positive.

This is great news for us in the ED. If a well-appearing neonate is noted to be hypothermic, we are likely safe to obs them a bit, repeat a temp, and DC without any testing.

ENPC COURSES 2023

- February 9-10 To register go to <https://Feb2023ENPC.eventbrite.com>
- May 11-12 To register go to <https://May2023ENPC.eventbrite.com>
- September 14-15 To register go to <https://Sept2023ENPC.eventbrite.com>
- November 2-3 To register go to <https://Nov2023ENPC.eventbrite.com>

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS

Items on Back Order

- Castile Soap wipes—working on CPD maintaining a supply of the substitute product
- Hot Packs—should be coming in tonight
- Tissues—no ETA
- Bair Hugger Blankets—ETA 2/01
- Vial-Mate—no ETA

CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS

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

WELCOME

Hi, I'm Ciela Oncina. I'm excited to be the new UCSF ED substance use navigator! Previously, I was an EMT at the Tenderloin Center doing harm reduction work and I learned a lot about SF's substance use treatment landscape and other resources. I'm glad to be able to continue connecting folks to care in the ED. Before that I worked in biotech and also worked at a global health non-profit doing malaria research. In my spare time I love to be outdoors skiing, hiking, etc. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with you all.



To the staffing working the night of January 8th. THANK YOU for all your hard work in all areas! Resus was getting hit with lots of activations with many critical. Pod C was getting so many of their admits upstairs in a fast manor and getting new admits from A and Resus. Pod A was getting hit and also turning pts but all new patients from triage! Triage had a WR of 20+. The RN's and MEA were getting full work up started to help speed pts along once they got to the Pods. All the ancillary staff were running around with the nurses moving all these patients around throughout the department and also with all the activations. Appreciate all your hard team work at night! You guys rock!!! ~Rob Alvernaz, Charge Nurse

Dr. John Brown celebrated the triage team (**Maggie Nunu, RN; Carrie DeBlasio, RN; Shirah Wexler, RN; Karen Hilton, NP; Peggy McNiell, NP; Jen Lemlin, NP; Rai Ting, RN; Desiree Lewis, MEA**) that worked with him on Tuesday, January 3rd during the dayshift. Dr Brown celebrated the team as being flexible and keeping patient care running. He appreciated the support from **ED Pharmacists Curt and Calvin** to adjust three patient's medication regimens quickly. And he closed with how grateful he was to work with such a wonderful flexible crew of caring professionals!