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Memo

To: Clergy and Lay Ministers
From: Bishop's Office
Date: September 27, 2021
Subject: **Required COVID-19 Safety Measures for Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Other Care Centers**

The California Department of Public Health issued an updated Health Order on August 26, 2021, which states that any visitors to acute or long-term facilities would need to either show proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test result. The only exception is someone visiting a person who is imminently dying.

Please be prepared to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test result when visiting one of the following:

1. General Acute Care Hospitals,
2. Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs),
3. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs), and
4. Adult and Senior Care Residential Facilities licensed by the California Department of Social Services.

Pursuant to the CDPH Guidance for Vaccine Records Guidelines & Standards, only the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered); OR
2. A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
3. A photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device, OR
4. Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
5. Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.

For your ease we have provided the link below to the Health Order:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Requirements-for-Visitors-in-Acute-Health-Care-and-Long-Term-Care-Settings.aspx>