### Patient Safety Awareness Week is from March 10 to 16, 2024 (#PSAW24).

Designed for individuals, organizations, coalitions, and other stakeholders, recognize and help teach others about the importance of healthcare safety by sharing social media messages below. Partners may also use them to craft content for other communications, including websites, e-mails, and newsletters.

Topics include an introduction to Patient Safety Awareness Week, Hand Hygiene (washing and timing), Antibiotic Stewardship, Environment Cleaning and Disinfecting, Disease Reporting, and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Source Control. Suggested timing, messaging, and image is outlined below.

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March 10 <sup>th</sup> Introduction to #PSAW24 Patient Safety Awareness Week is an annual recognition from March 10-16 with the purpose of teaching others about the importance of healthcare safety.   Learn about patient safety awareness week and explore patient safety topics by visiting the Patient Safety Awareness 2024 webpage. #PSAW24 Patient Safety Patient Safety Awareness Week! March 10th - 16th, 2024 #PSAW24	rs safe!





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March 11 <sup>th</sup> Hand Hygiene	Studies show that healthcare providers clean their hands less than half of the time they should. Practicing good hand hygiene helps protect healthcare providers and the patients treated. Learn more about hand hygiene by visiting the <u>Clean Hands</u> <u>Count</u> webpage. #PSAW24	I WASH MY HANDS I WASH
March 12 <sup>th</sup> Antibiotic Stewardship	Improving antibiotic prescribing and use is critical to effectively treat infections, protect patients from harm caused by unnecessary antibiotic use, and combat antibiotic resistance. Learn more about antibiotic stewardship by visiting the <u>Core Elements of</u> <u>Antibiotic Stewardship</u> webpage. #PSAW24	<section-header></section-header>
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March 13 <sup>th</sup> Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection	Germs are everywhere! Environmental cleaning is an effective process that breaks the germ pathways heading toward vulnerable patients. Watch our <u>Environmental Cleaning Video</u> for best practices on environmental cleaning. #PSAW24	CLEAN DISINFECT #PSAW24
March 14 <sup>th</sup> Disease Reporting	Reporting suspected specimens to the County of San Diego allows County staff to provide follow-up information to patients that can help keep them safe. Report diseases at our <u>disease reporting webpage</u> . #PSAW24	BE A HERO BE A HERO REPORT DISEASES #PSAW24



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March 15 <sup>th</sup> Donning/Doffing of PPE	Following proper donning (putting on) doffing and (taking off) of PPE (personal protective equipment) will help minimize the risk of disease transmission. Learn more by visiting the <u>PPE Proper Wearing, Removal, and Dispoal</u> webpage. #PSAW24	CLEAN DISINFECT #PSAWI24
March 16 <sup>th</sup> Hand Hygiene (timing)	Germs are everywhere! Knowing how to get rid of them and stop the spread of diseases is important. Learn when to wash your hands vs. when to use hand sanitizer by visiting the <u>Hand Sanitizer Use Out and About</u> webpage. #PSAW24	HAND HAND HAND HAND HAND HAGTE NE SHOWDOWN HAND HAGTE NE SHOWDOWN HPSAW24



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