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COVID-19 Surges: FAQs & Resources for California Hospitals

As hospitals and health systems continue to care for patients with COVID-19 during this pandemic, the following FAQs and links are designed to help inform your surge response to challenges such as space and staffing. The CHA COVID-19 web page also offers additional [information and FAQs](#).

Space

What flexibilities are available for use of space during the COVID-19 state of emergency?

A: Hospitals continue to be able to reconfigure space as needed, as outlined in California Department of Public Health [All Facilities Letter 20-26.13](#), until the end of the State of California's declared COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Staffing

Are out-of-state medical personnel still able to practice in California?

A: Yes, the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) continues to be able to approve out-of-state medical personnel to practice in California, until the end of the State of California's declared COVID-19 State of Emergency. For details, see EMSA's [COVID-19 website](#) under "Authorization of Out-Of-State Medical Personnel."

Additional Resources

- [Checklist for Activating an Emergency Operations Plan](#)