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# UPDATES

*Placer-Nevada Rx Drug Safety Coalition*



## **NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

The University of California, Irvine Departments of Emergency Medicine and Informatics are conducting a research study on opioid use disorder, and they are recruiting participants now! The study seeks to test the effectiveness of HOPE, or Harnessing Online Peer Education, a peer-led intervention option for fulfilling requests for resources for people with opioid use disorder.

Participants will be 18+ years of age, residents in rural CA, and in recovery or treatment for opioid use disorder. Please feel free to share this opportunity with individuals who may be eligible and interested in supporting these research efforts.

View the [flyer](#) for additional information about the study, as well as contact information to ask questions or get involved. The study starts soon!

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## COVID-19 UPDATES

Recently, California lifted many (but not all) of its masking requirements for COVID-19. Data shows that case rates have continued trending down, but it is important to note that COVID-19 is not completely gone. While you enjoy the return to a healthier and happier community, stay aware and prepared for how to best navigate a post-COVID world:

- Get vaccinated or boosted--it's not too late!
- Know where masks are still required.
- Understand what situations will require you to stay home, quarantine, or isolate.
- Read up on California's Do's and Don'ts for a safe reopening!

## COMMUNITY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Stay in the loop by checking out the following public health and safety resources for our community:

- Interested in advertising your organization in our newsletter? Please get in contact with us!
- A new flyer is available to distribute information about where to find naloxone in the Placer-Nevada region. Check out the flyer [here](#)!
- Register [here](#) for a CA Bridge webinar about post-overdose buprenorphine support on March 17th, 2022 at 11:00AM.
- Healthcare professionals are needed for the upcoming Placer Stand Down Clinic by California CareForce. The event will be in Auburn, CA on May 3rd-4th. View additional information [here](#).

Be sure to keep an eye out for our future newsletters and to follow us on social media for more information. Reach out to [rxdrugsafety@gmail.com](mailto:rxdrugsafety@gmail.com) with questions, concerns, or more information on getting involved!



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