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## Alameda County Reaches Milestone: Over 75% of Residents Vaccinated

## Media Statements from Alameda County Leaders Encourage Residents to Get Fully Vaccinated

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA -- Today, the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency announced that 75% of county residents, age 16 and older, have now received at least one dose of the vaccine. The agency, in marking this moment, encourages residents to continue to practice social distancing, wear facial coverings, and support their family and friends getting vaccinated, including children who are 12-15 years old and became eligible for vaccine last week.

"Our message is loud and clear. Get vaccinated if you haven't already. Get your second shot if you have a two-dose regimen and have only had your first. The vaccine is free and available to all Alameda County residents age 12+ who want it, either from health care providers, local pharmacies, or locations run by the county or its non-profit partners," said Alameda County Supervisor and Board of Supervisors Health Committee Chair Wilma Chan.

"We are grateful that so many residents have had the opportunity to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones because every shot makes a difference. We are excited to see these numbers move up daily and to see we may have a brighter summer ahead! Everyone that gets vaccinated helps us move one step closer to safely seeing loved ones, visiting our favorite community spaces, resuming social activities, and reviving our economy." said Colleen Chawla, Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

"COVID-19 laid bare the longstanding inequities across our community when it came to health care and economic resiliency. We want to reach every eligible local resident age 12+ and are locating our resources in priority locations to do so," said Alameda County Public Health Department Director Kimi Watkins-Tartt.

"Alameda County's economy is ready to rebound. We remind residents and businesses to please get vaccinated, continue to wear a mask and operate under the State's guidelines Blueprint for a Safer

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Economy which remain in place until June 15. It is important to patronize local retail stores, restaurants and local business to help our local economy recover and grow," added Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda County Board of Supervisors President and Chair of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

## **Alameda County Vaccine Fast Facts:**

- 76.6% of Alameda County residents over age 16 (over 1,000,000 people) have had at least one dose and 61.2% (over 800,000 people) are fully vaccinated
- Over 80% of residents 65+ have received at least one dose.
- Over 1.7 million doses have been administered in the county
- COVID vaccines are available to all residents, 12 and older.
- There are nearly 82,000 12-15-year-olds in Alameda County who are now also approved to receive the vaccine.

The COVID vaccine will continue to be available to all who want it. Vaccines are now readily available directly through healthcare providers, at pharmacies like CVS and Walgreens, at the Buchanan parking lot at Golden Gate Fields, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and at community sites like those at Fremont High School in the Fruitvale, Hayward Adult School in Ashland Cherryland, Allen Temple Baptist Church in Deep East Oakland, and the Old Decoto School in Union City. Alameda County residents who have not received a vaccination are encouraged to call **510-208-4VAX** (**510-208-4829**) or visit **bit.ly/AlCoSignUp** to arrange an appointment. In addition, there are also numerous walk-in opportunities available.

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