ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY



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Alameda County Is a Yellow Tier County

Permitted activities and restrictions are aligned with the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Employers should follow Cal/OSHA's standards; Alameda County plans to align with the State's Beyond the Blueprint Framework, effective June 15.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA – Today the State announced that Alameda County has met the requirements to move to the Yellow Tier, and effective tomorrow, June 9, activities and businesses permitted in the Yellow Tier per the <u>State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> may resume or expand their operations.

Alameda County has an <u>adjusted daily new case rate per 100,000 residents</u> of 1.5, a testing positivity rate of .7 percent, and a health equity quartile positivity rate of 1.3 percent.

"The increasing number of residents who are fully vaccinated is directly reducing case rates and helping Alameda County to move into the Yellow Tier ahead of the June 15 transition," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "While we are moving away from the tier system, only 53 percent of Alameda County residents are fully vaccinated and COVID-19 is still a very real threat to unvaccinated individuals. We urge all residents to continue using COVID-19 safety precautions to protect vulnerable residents including young children who are not yet eligible for vaccine."

Alameda County remains aligned with <u>the State's face masking mandate</u>. Everyone should wear a mask in indoor public settings, even if fully vaccinated, until State masking guidance changes. If you are fully vaccinated, wear a mask in outdoor crowded settings. If you are unvaccinated continue to wear a mask outdoors any time physical distancing can't be maintained. **Keep it simple:** if you don't know the vaccination status of those around you, wear a mask.

For anyone 12 and older: there is a vaccine waiting for you.

The decline in cases and mortality shows that the best protection against COVID-19 is vaccination. All currently available vaccines are safe, effective, free, and widely available. When you are ready, get vaccinated. If you missed your second dose, you should still complete your vaccination series. Visit https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines.page?#availability to learn where you can find a vaccination clinic near you.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, get tested and then stay home. Wash your hands regularly. Keep six feet of distance when you are in public or don't know the vaccination status of those around you.



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Businesses may want to use this week to plan for the broad reopening that the State will allow starting June 15. Tomorrow through June 14, businesses and activities permitted to open or expand under the State's Yellow Tier must continue to comply with the State's Industry Guidance for that tier: https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/. Additional workplace resources can be found here https://covid-19.acgov.org/recovery and resources for Alameda County workers are available here https://covid-19.acgov.org/worker-resources.

All workplaces governed by Cal/OSHA must follow their current standards and the updated standards starting June 15, including masking requirements for employees.

Upcoming Alameda County "Beyond the Blueprint" Community Updates

To help residents and employers understand changing COVID-19 guidance and what moving Beyond the Blueprint means for them, employees, and clients and customers, Alameda County is hosting two Community Updates:

- For Residents: June 15, from 6-7:30 pm;
- For Employers: June 21, from 6-7:30 pm; This Community Update will include an overview of <u>Cal/OSHA's updated standards</u> so the appropriate steps can be taken to ensure a safe work environment after June 15.

To learn more, visit <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/beyond-the-blueprint</u>. The livestream for both Community Updates will be available on <u>YouTube</u> and recordings will be available after the events.

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