

ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

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## Two Million Doses of the COVID-19 Vaccines Administered to Alameda County Residents

Unvaccinated Residents Encouraged to Seek Out Resources in the Community; Homebound Able to Access Mobile Vaccine

Alameda County, CA - As California emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, Alameda County today announced it had administered <u>two million doses of vaccine</u>. The milestone represents that 79.6 percent of all eligible residents over age 12 have received at least one dose, and 66.2 percent are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death and there are eligible individuals who have not yet been vaccinated. For residents who are chronically ill, homebound or unable to travel, Alameda County has in-home vaccine resources available to bring the vaccine to eligible residents at home. Residents are encouraged to call 510-208-4829 or to click at <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines</u> for vaccination opportunities. The success of our mobile vaccine units was recently highlighted in <u>national news</u>. Currently, California is leading the way with its homebound vaccination efforts.

For those residents who can leave their homes, Alameda County has set up many community distribution sites in neighborhoods hardest hit by the virus. Residents are encouraged to <u>visit our website</u> for up-to-date information on vaccine availability and vaccination <u>site dates and hours of operation</u>. Using this website, residents can identify where to obtain the vaccine by location, by health provider and through county and state partners.

"Two million doses administered represents months of a concerted effort to provide equitable access to the vaccine across Alameda County. We delivered the vaccine in mass distribution sites like the Oakland Coliseum and Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton and at the same time have stood up hyper-local vaccination distribution points in our hardest hit communities," said Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson. "Now, with two million doses administered, we must work even harder to reach individuals who



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need more information or desire to be vaccinated but have not yet accessed the vaccine for health, economic, mobility, health equity or other reasons."

"Reaching this milestone required once-in-a-generation collaboration across the County that we hope to continue when facing other public health challenges," said Colleen Chawla, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Director. "We must continue reaching those populations that were most affected by COVID-19, which is why our Agency is currently accepting proposals through the <u>Community Coalition RFP</u> to fund community-led coalitions for vaccination and post-COVID recovery and resilience work," she added, "These partnerships will continue to be vital as we recover and build future resilience."

## Alameda County Vaccine Fast Facts:

- Over 2 million doses have been administered in the county.
- 79.6% of Alameda County residents over age 12 have had at least one dose and 66.2% (over 925,000 people) are fully vaccinated.
- Although it is the seventh largest in the state, Alameda County is the fifth county statewide to deliver more than two million doses.
- Over 90% of residents 65+ have received at least one dose.
- COVID vaccines are available to all residents, 12 and older. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for persons ages 12+; the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are only approved for persons ages 18+.
- There are nearly 82,000 12-15-year-olds in Alameda County who are now also approved to receive the vaccine.

As California and Alameda County move "Beyond the Blueprint" and more local businesses reopen and many capacity businesses are removed, residents are encouraged to continue practicing social distancing and healthy and safe habits. These include staying home if you feel sick and wearing a mask if you're unvaccinated and in an indoor public space. People who are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in outdoor settings that are crowded and when you can't physically distance, especially if you don't know the vaccination status of those around you. In addition, all residents are required to wear a mask while on public transit and in transit hubs and other special settings, even if you're vaccinated. Residents who are eligible and have not received a vaccination are encouraged to call **510-208-4VAX (510-208-4829)** or visit **bit.ly/AlCoSignUp** to arrange an appointment or drop by a location near them.

