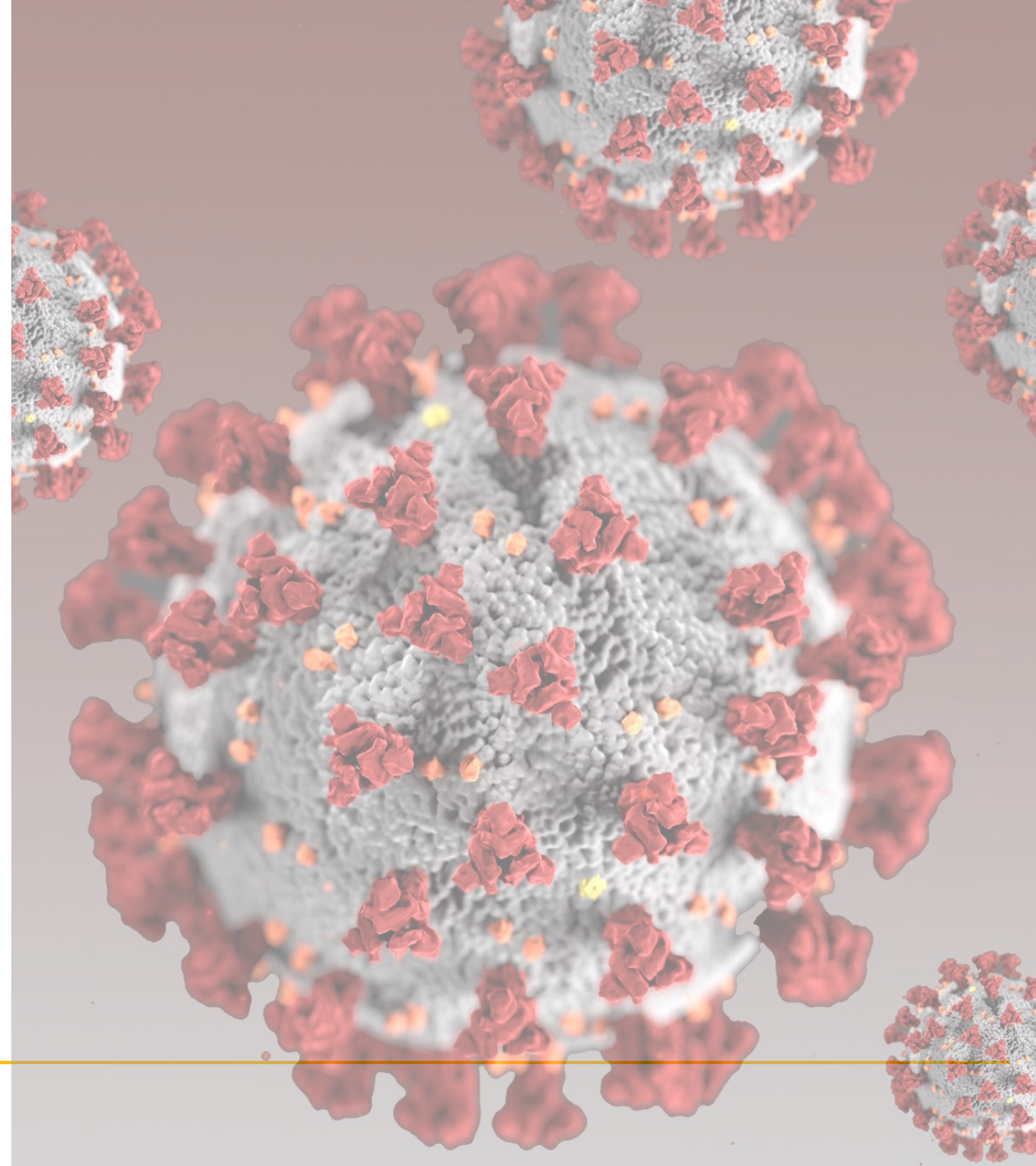


Alameda County Board of Supervisors

COVID-19 Update

December 14, 2021



Alameda County
Health Care Services Agency



Alameda County Public Health Department
Celebrating Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Agenda

- Data
- Masking Update
- Vaccine Update
- Communications Update

Data

Epidemic Data Key Points

- Daily case rate is 7.8 per 100,000
- Test positivity is 1.5% overall and in first HPI quartile
- Hospitalized COVID cases 61; ICU 15
- ~12,000 lab tests per day
- Case rates rising nationally
- CA rates may be increasing now



Omicron Variant Update

- Appears to infect previously infected people & vaccinated people
 - Booster doses appear to improve protection
 - More infectious than Delta
- Not yet known how much severe disease Omicron will cause
 - Will vaccines/boosters prevent severe disease?
 - Not yet known how different age groups will be impacted
- We expect Omicron to spread widely in US
 - Even if milder, there is risk for overwhelming health system
 - No local transmission yet documented from recent Omicron wedding outbreak



Masking Update

New Statewide Masking Requirement effective 12/15

- California requiring face coverings for everyone in indoor public settings
- Preparing for winter wave, Omicron and protecting communities
- State now matching local masking requirements
 - Local exemptions for vaccinated persons may not be permitted by state – TBD
 - Regional masking metrics will apply again when new state order is lifted
 - Notable exemptions in state and local mask requirements:
 - Persons <2, health condition or disability that prevents mask use, hearing impaired or communicating with hearing impaired persons, persons with occupational risk per regulators
- State school masking policies unchanged
 - Alameda County aligned with state language on youth sports/music on 12/8

Vaccine Updates



% at Least One Dose

84.0%

See Counts

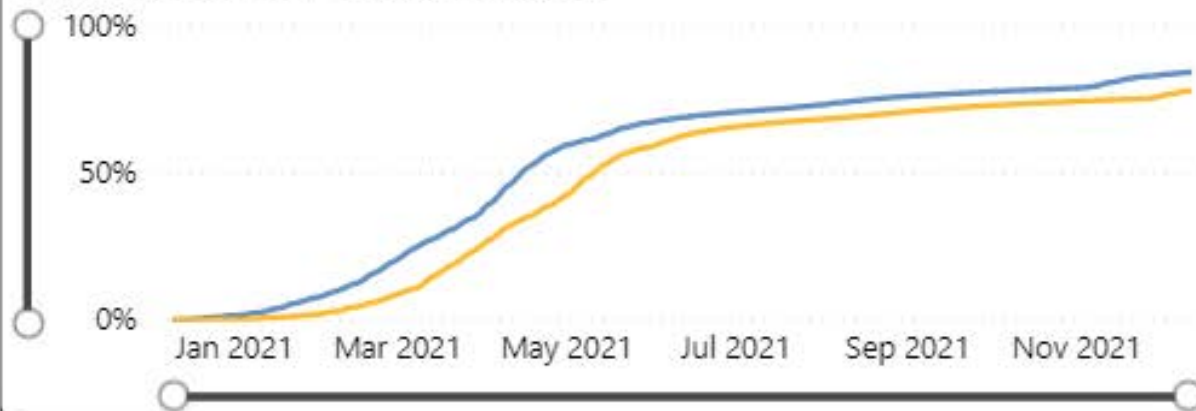
% Fully Vaccinated

77.7%

See Percentages

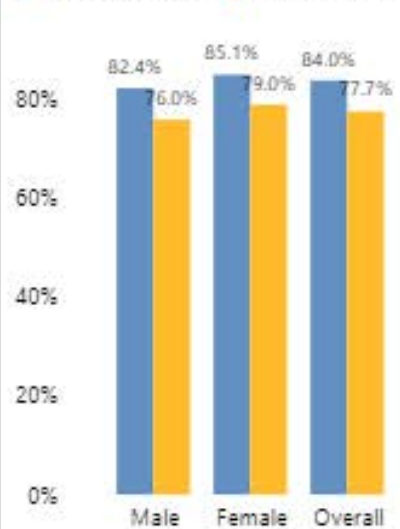
Alameda County Cumulative Percentage of Vaccine Doses

● % At Least One Dose ● % Fully Vaccinated



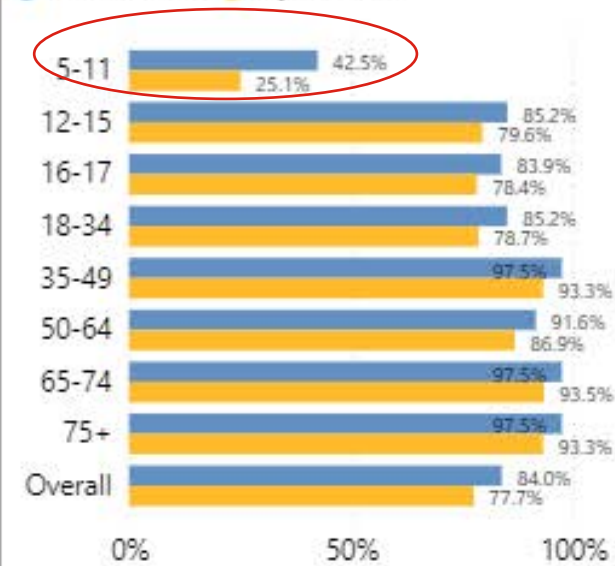
Doses by Gender (% of population)

● At Least One Dose ● Fully Vaccinated



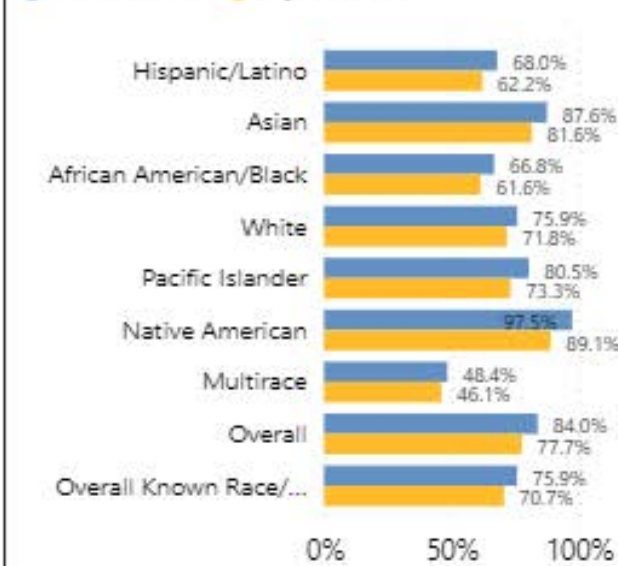
Doses by Age Group (% of population)

● At Least One Dose ● Fully Vaccinated



Doses by Race/Ethnicity (% of population)

● At Least One Dose ● Fully Vaccinated



% of population

Place	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Alameda	86.3%	80.5%
Albany	88.4%	82.1%
Ashland	69.0%	63.8%
Berkeley	97.3%	91.4%
Castro Valley	85.8%	78.9%
Cherryland	73.2%	67.9%
Dublin	83.9%	76.8%
Emeryville	80.9%	75.2%
Fairview	79.4%	74.5%
Fremont	85.4%	78.7%
Hayward	80.8%	74.7%
Hayward Acres	68.1%	62.9%
Livermore	78.7%	73.1%
Newark	80.1%	74.3%
Oakland	81.7%	75.2%
Piedmont	97.5%	93.5%
Pleasanton	88.1%	81.2%
Remainder of County	72.9%	67.8%
San Leandro	84.8%	78.9%
San Lorenzo	82.8%	77.3%
Sunol	86.0%	80.0%
Union City	82.4%	76.7%

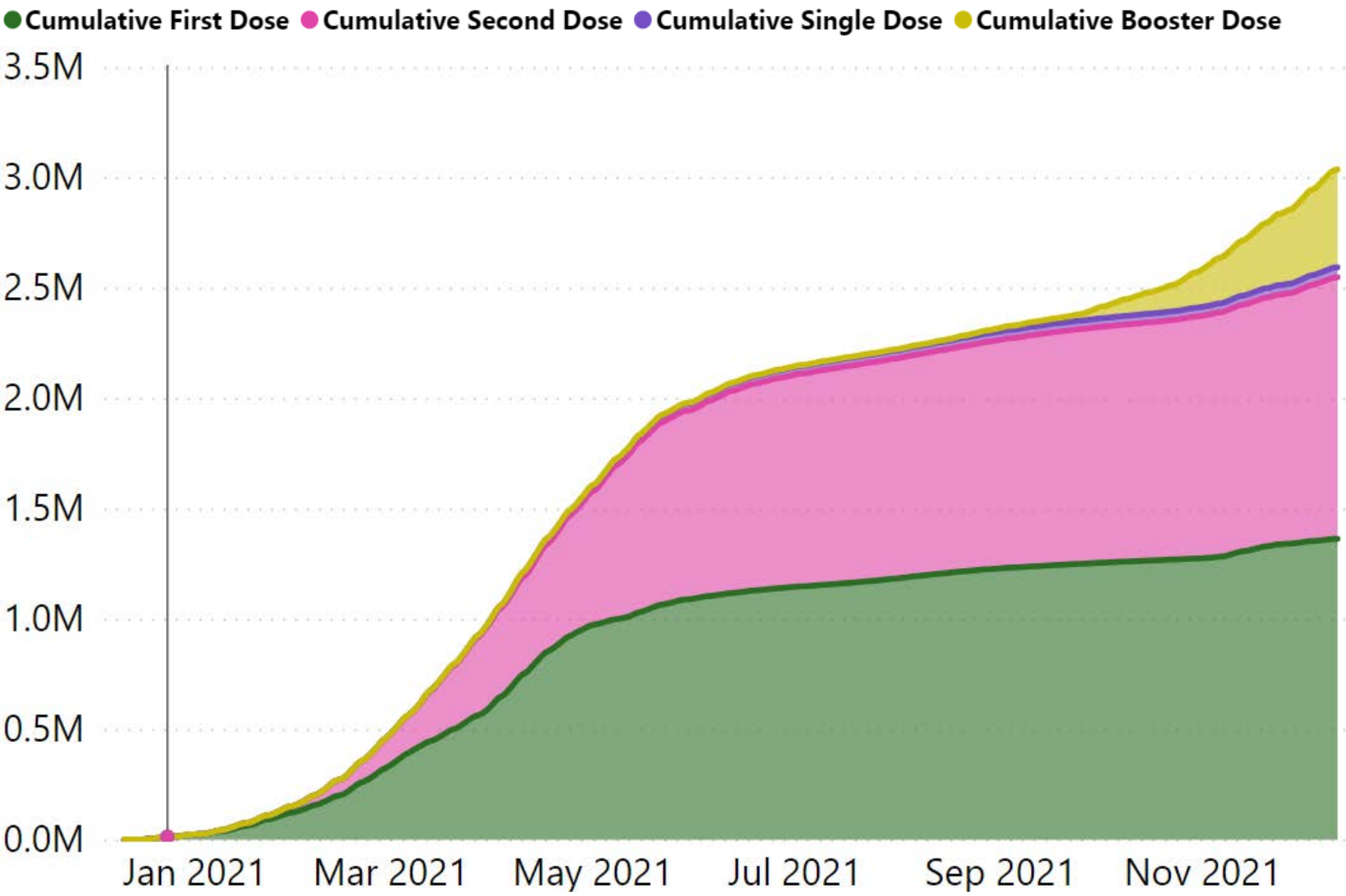


COVID-19 boosters recommended now for people ages 16 and up

- CDC, CDPH now recommending a booster 6 months after vaccination for ages 16-17
 - Only Pfizer vaccine authorized for 16-17s
- Boosters **strongly recommended** for anyone 6 months from mRNA or 2 months from J&J
 - See your doctor or local pharmacy



Booster Doses Data 12/6



- 443,205 boosters given
 - 35% of all fully vaccinated
 - 43% of those 50-64
 - 63% of those 65-74
 - 64% of those 75+

County vaccine support

- Vaccinating residents including kids and families
 - Supporting pediatricians, school vax clinics
 - Expanded POD staffing
- Providing all COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccine at County pods
- Providing boosters at County pods
- Partnering on booster clinics at long term care facilities
- Supporting messaging around vaccination and boosters



Communications

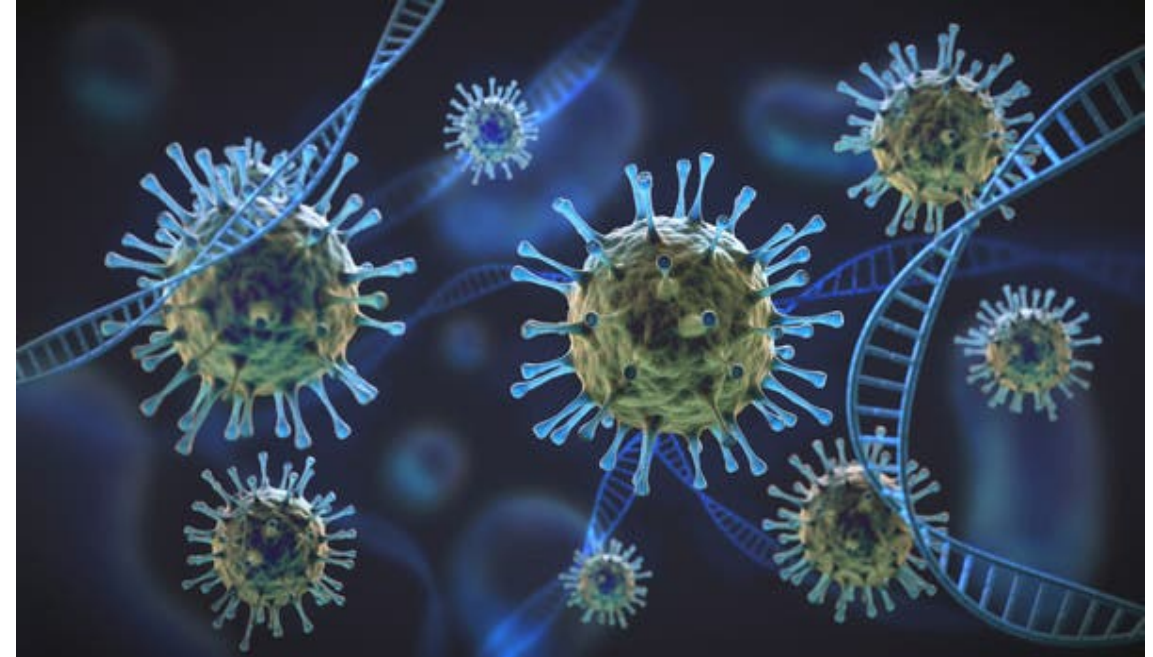
Additional State COVID-19 policy updates

- [Beyond the Blueprint Mega-Events update](#)
 - Beginning December 15th – testing for event entry must be within 1 day of event for antigen tests, and within 2 days for PCR tests
 - Testing already required for unvaccinated people at indoor events >1000 people
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- [New CDPH Travel Advisory](#)
 - All travelers arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should follow [CDC travel guidance](#)
 - **All travelers arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should test 3-5 days upon arrival**
 - All travelers who test positive or develop [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should [isolate](#) and follow [public health recommendations](#).



Staying Safe this Winter

- **Get vaccinated**
- **Get a booster as soon as you are due**
- **Wear masks indoors**
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated indoor settings
- Wash your hands
- Test before and after travel and gathering
- Be aware of travel rules and recs



Thank you

