Alameda County Board of Supervisors

COVID-19 Update

December 14, 2021
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
Alameda County Cumulative Percentage of Vaccine Doses

- % At Least One Dose: 84.0%
- % Fully Vaccinated: 77.7%

Doses by Gender (% of population)

- Male: 82.4%, 68.0%
- Female: 65.1%, 60.0%
- Overall: 84.0%, 77.7%

Doses by Age Group (% of population)

- 5-11: 62.5%, 42.5%
- 12-15: 83.2%, 79.6%
- 16-17: 83.9%, 83.9%
- 18-34: 85.2%, 79.6%
- 35-49: 97.0%, 93.3%
- 50-64: 97.5%, 93.3%
- 65-74: 97.5%, 93.5%
- 75+: 97.5%, 93.3%
- Overall: 84.0%, 77.7%

Doses by Race/Ethnicity (% of population)

- Hispanic/Latino: 68.0%, 62.3%
- Asian: 87.6%, 81.6%
- African American/Black: 66.8%, 61.6%
- White: 79.9%, 71.2%
- Pacific Islander: 80.5%, 73.3%
- Native American: 97.5%, 89.1%
- Mutilrace: 48.4%, 46.1%
- Overall: 75.0%, 70.7%

Place | At Least One Dose | Fully Vaccinated
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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% | 76.6%
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%
Rest 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
    • Testing already recommended for unvaccinated people at indoor events >1000 people

• **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