

Alameda County Board of Supervisors

COVID-19 Update

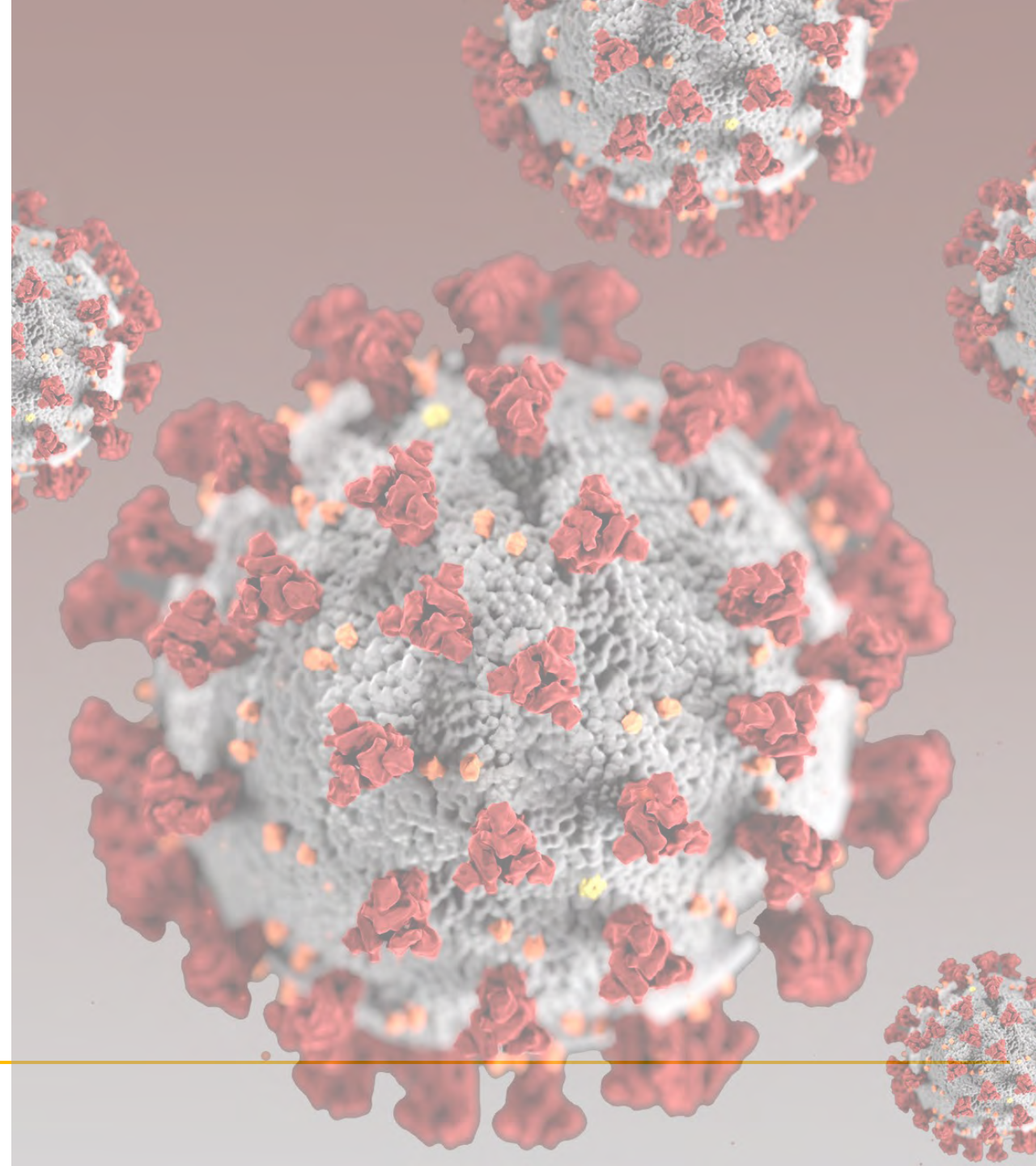
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Agenda

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Data



Epidemic Data Key Points needs updating

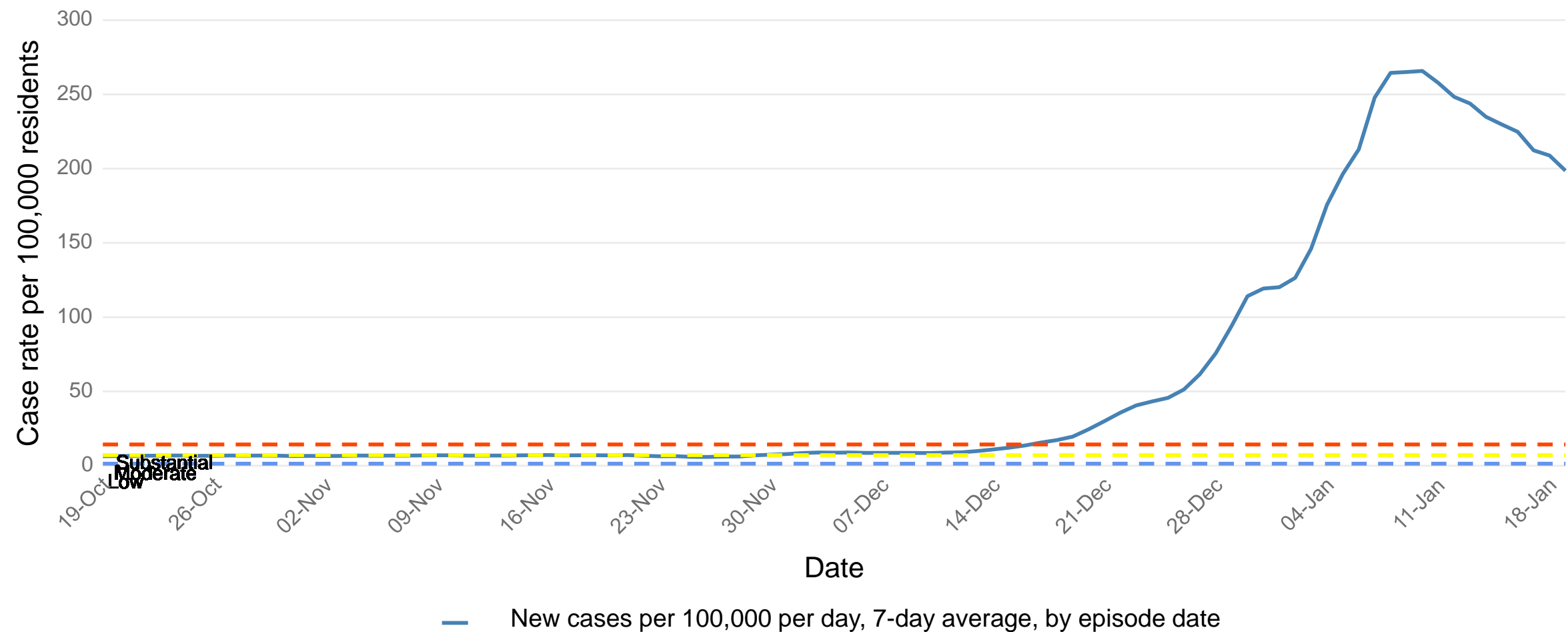
- 170 cases per 100,000 residents per day
- 17% test positivity overall, 21% in HPI 1
- 416 hospitalized, 74 ICU
- Case rates and hospitalizations are falling but remain very high
 - ICU numbers still at peak
 - Too early to assess Omicron deaths

Visit the COVID-19 [dashboard](#) for more data





Alameda County COVID-19 Daily Case Rate



Includes City of Berkeley

Source: CalREDIE Data Distribution Portal download January 27, 2022



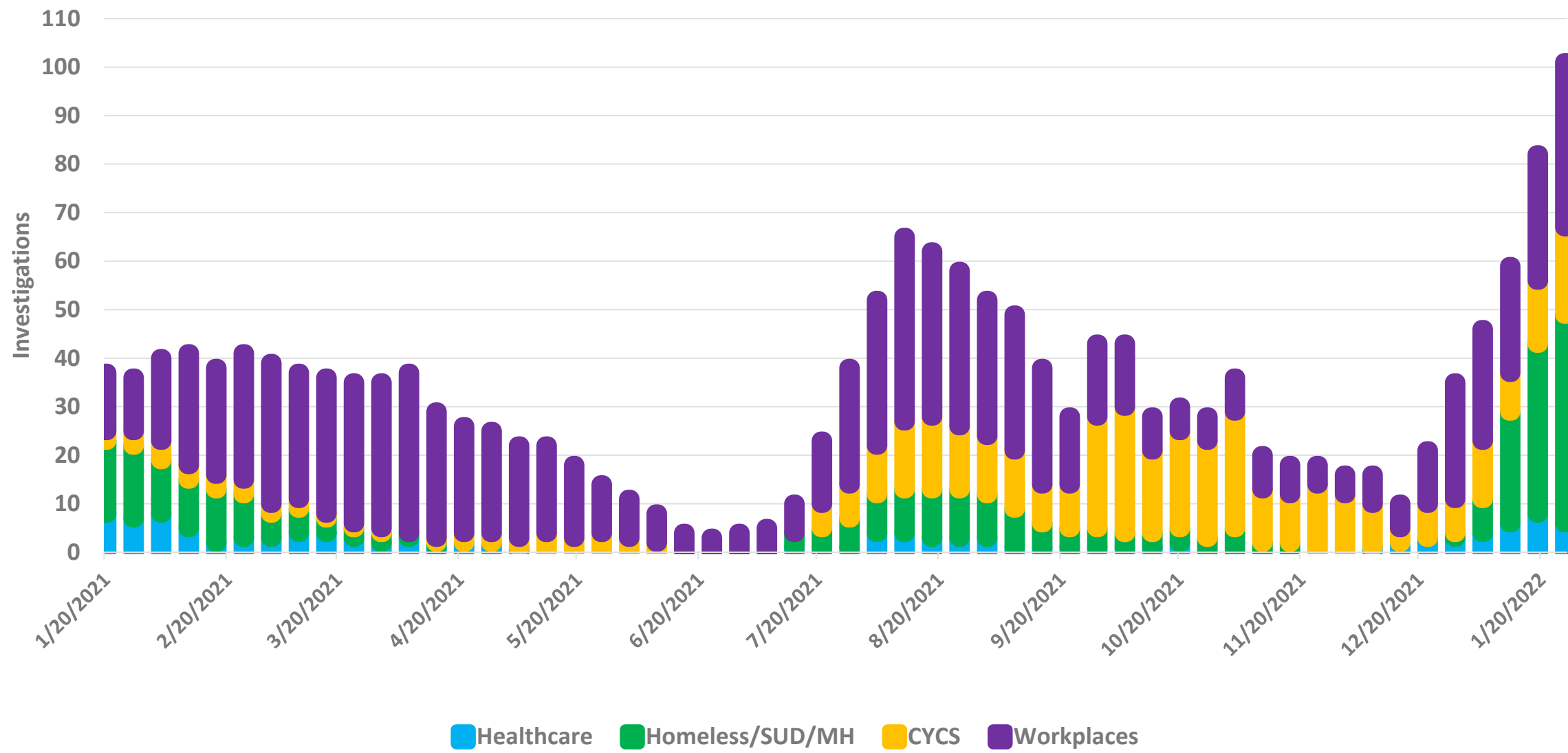
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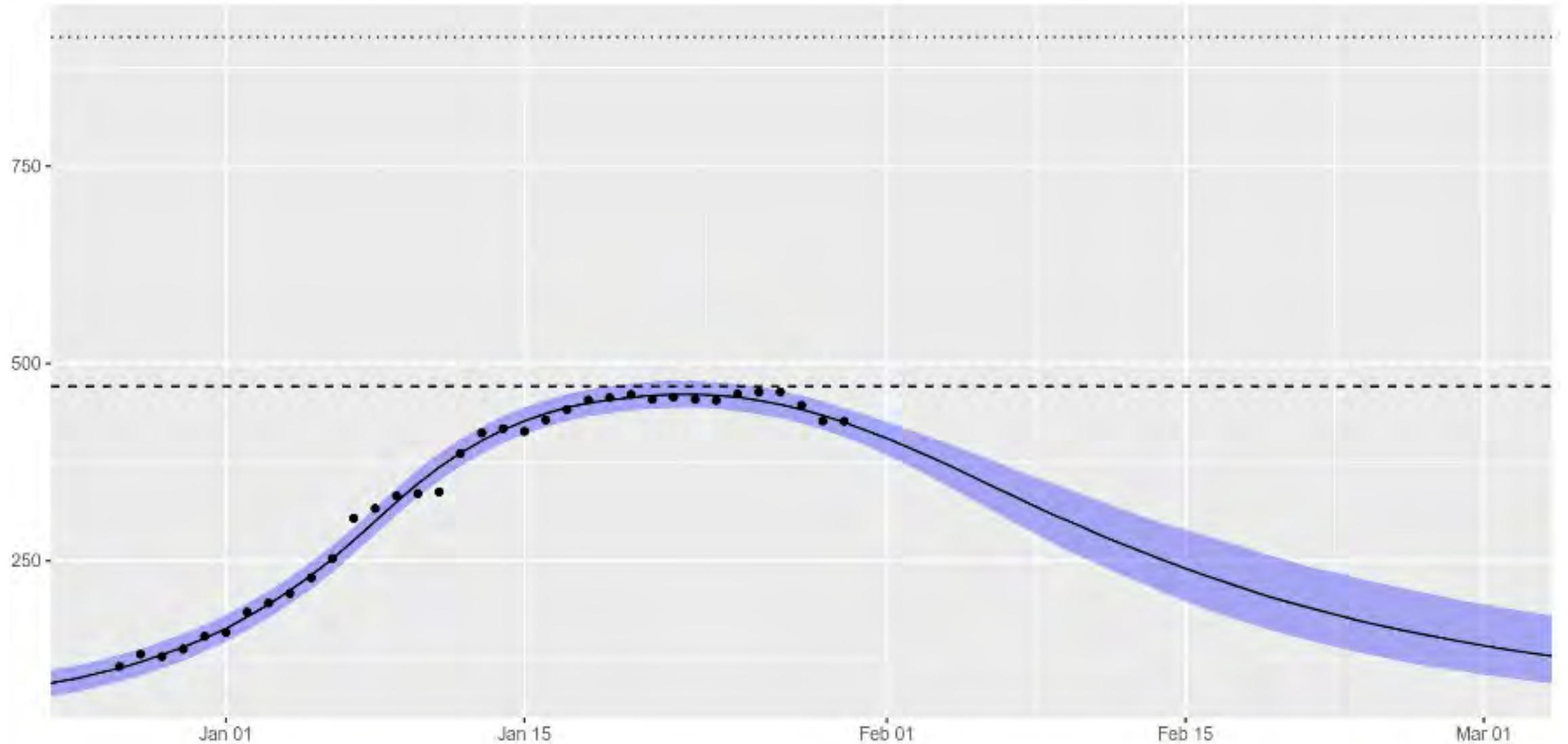
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Transmission thresholds are adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention weekly thresholds, available at: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Active Outbreak Investigations



Alameda County Hospitalization Projections



BA.2 Omicron Subvariant Update

- Spreads more easily than Omicron
- Severity may be like Omicron
- Vaccine + booster effective against BA.2
- Reported in CA but not yet in AC, although likely here
- As of now, not expected to change overall trend in winter wave



Vaccine Updates



% at Least One Dose

88.0%

See Counts

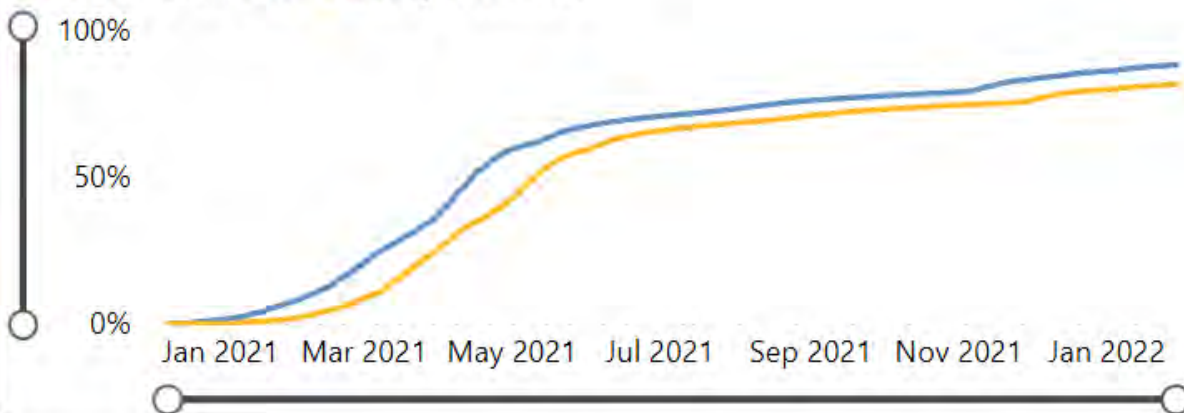
% Fully Vaccinated

81.4%

See Boosters

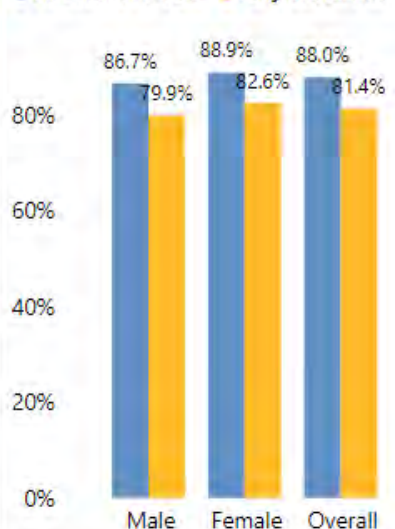
Alameda County Cumulative Percentage of Vaccine Doses

● % At Least One Dose ● % Fully Vaccinated



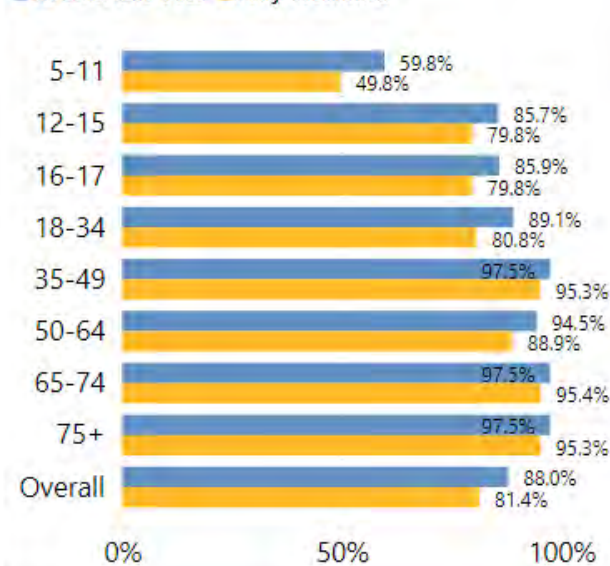
Doses by Gender (% of population)

● At Least One Dose ● Fully Vaccinated



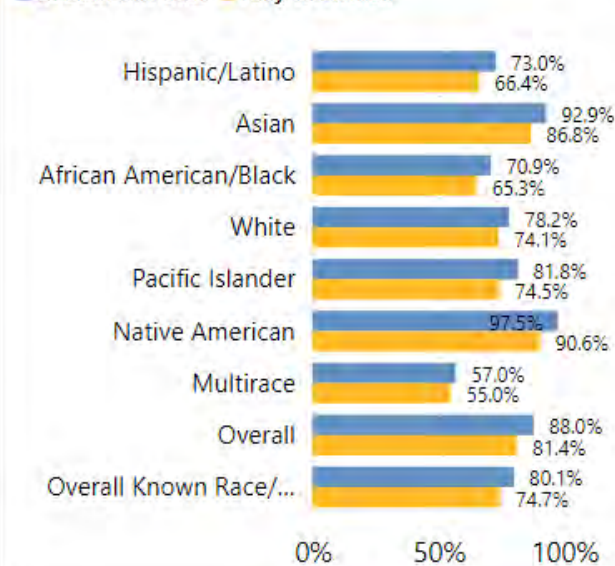
Doses by Age Group (% of population)

● 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	89.2%	83.9%
Albany	91.4%	85.0%
Ashland	73.4%	67.7%
Berkeley	97.5%	91.6%
Castro Valley	89.3%	82.7%
Cherryland	77.4%	71.2%
Dublin	89.6%	82.3%
Emeryville	84.3%	77.3%
Fairview	83.3%	78.3%
Fremont	90.5%	83.4%
Hayward	85.3%	78.8%
Hayward Acres	73.8%	67.4%
Livermore	82.4%	76.2%
Newark	85.1%	78.4%
Oakland	85.6%	78.9%
Piedmont	97.5%	97.5%
Pleasanton	92.6%	85.8%
Remainder of County	75.9%	70.7%
San Leandro	88.7%	82.9%
San Lorenzo	86.7%	81.5%
Sunol	89.0%	83.0%
Union City	86.4%	80.3%



Community Vaccinations

- **Boosters for residents in long-term care facilities**
 - Using contracted providers
 - 3500 booster doses administered
- **Homebound vaccinations program**
 - 1100+ vaccine doses administered
- **5-11 year olds**
 - County PODs
 - Supporting pediatric providers
 - Clinics for schools in areas with low vaccine rates
- **Mobile vaccine clinics**
 - Focused on census tracts with low vaccine rates
 - 45 requests in queue
 - Demand for pediatric and booster vaccinations



Testing Update

Key Updates & Critical Issues

- New testing sites will be active in 2 weeks
 - La Familia/Cherryland and West Oakland
- Updating Testing Site Guidance & Messaging in Development
- Providing PPE distribution to testing sites
- Turn around for testing results are exceeding 72hrs
- Complaints around pop-up testing sites unaffiliated with Alameda County
 - AC DA and State AG have issued warnings

When choosing a COVID-19 testing site

LESS is More

Make sure the site you choose is:

✓	L egal	Test kits have received FDA emergency use authorization. Testing sites do not need your social security number or immigration status.
✓	E thical	Your test should be free, affordable or billable to insurance. Any additional cost should be clearly explained.
✓	S afe	Staff wear medical grade protective equipment. Gloves are worn and changed in-between clients. Testing staff implements COVID-19 safety protocols including distancing.
✓	S ecure	Testing site and lab information are available and you should know how your personal information will be used.



Questions or concerns? Please send to: ncov@acgov.org



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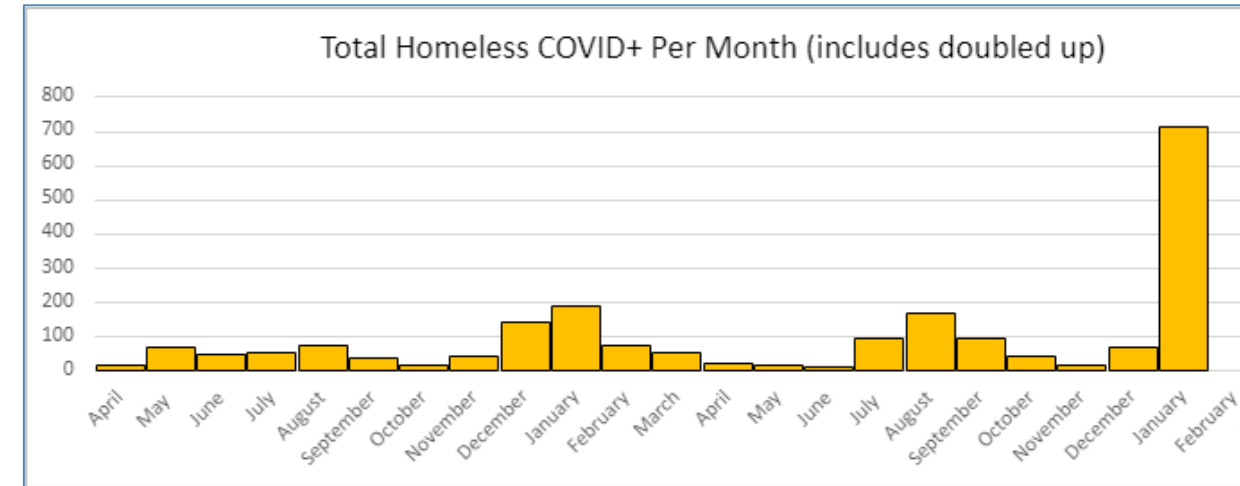
Unhoused Population Update



Situation Overview

- New COVID cases in January >3x any other month
- Up to 400 people per night in isolation/quarantine
- Opened and immediately used Marina Village Inn Site approved 1/11
- Some congregate shelter sites closed due to staff shortages
- City of Oakland, County, and Red Cross providing staff and discharge support
- Additional site for recuperative care or isolation/quarantine on today's agenda

Monthly Referrals: April 1, 2020 - January 31, 2022



Hotel Capacity – January/February 2022

Isolation & Quarantine

• Previous Capacity	132 (Quality Inn + Inn by the Coliseum)
• Added Comfort units	102 (Homekey Comfort Inn)
• <i>Short-term overflow</i>	<i>44 (Individual rooms through 1/31)</i>
• Marina Village Inn	50 (added 1/12)
• <u>Friendly Manor</u>	<u>26 (proposed on today's agenda)</u>
Total I & Q:	<u>354 rooms</u>

Safer Ground

• Radisson	289
• OakDays	140 (Homekey Site)
• <u>RodewayInn</u>	<u>40</u>
Total Safer Ground:	<u>469 rooms</u>



Policy Update

Post-Omicron Considerations

- Assume COVID-19 risk continues, likely with intermitted waves
- Vaccination and testing access will continue to be public health priorities
- Universal CI CT likely to be replaced by focus on high-risk settings
- Resource and care navigation will continue to be important
- Emergency requirements will continue to ease
 - More selective care and prevention efforts will be necessary
 - Masking and/or other restrictions could be needed again for a severe variant
- Individuals, families, institutions will all need to manage ongoing COVID risk



Communications

Mask Up to Move On!

#COVID19 is still with us. Thanks for masking up. Please wear the best mask you can – especially in indoor settings or when traveling. Choose a mask with good fit and filtration (N95 and KN95 masks are best). Double masking is also good (a surgical mask plus a cloth mask on top).

Upgrade Your Mask

Consider Fit, Filtration and Comfort

GOOD	BETTER	BEST
 Surgical Mask	 KF94/KN95 Surgical + Cloth	 N95

FAIR


Cloth Mask
One that fits well and has at least 3 layers. A cloth mask is better than no mask.



Thank you



Extra Slides

Testing

- Increased testing demand during wave due to illness, exposure, guidance
 - Limited appointment availability
 - Increased test turnaround time
 - National shortage of home test kits
- Lab testing doubled during winter surge to ~26,000 tests per day
 - Contracted providers increased throughput substantially
- Supporting ongoing testing access especially for:
 - Most impacted communities and those with barriers to testing
 - Health care facility residents and workers



ISOLATION + QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

TESTED POSITIVE

(Everyone)



Stay home for at least 5 days



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



ISOLATION ENDS:

After day 5 with negative test AND if symptoms are not present, fever free or other symptoms are resolving OR after day 10 without a test if fever free and symptoms are resolving



EXPOSED

(Unvaccinated or not boosted but booster-eligible)



Stay home for at least 5 days then test on day 5



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations OR if symptoms develop, test and stay home



QUARANTINE ENDS:



After day 5 with negative test AND if symptom free OR after day 10 without a test if symptom free



EXPOSED

(Boosted or vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible)



Test on day 5



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations OR if symptoms develop, test and stay home



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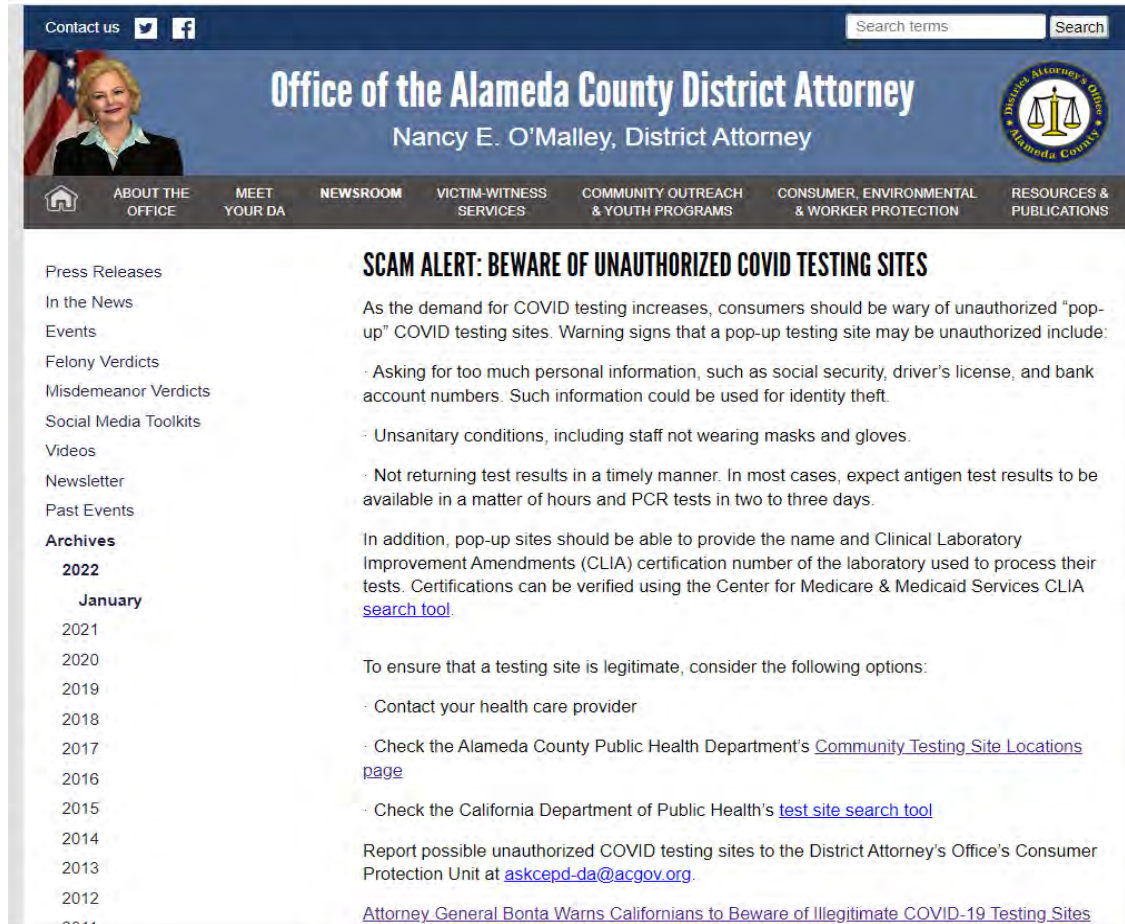
*Vaccinated, booster eligible but unboosted workers may attend work during quarantine with test between day 3 and 5



K-12 Schools Group Tracing Option

- CDPH guidance allows masked K-12 student close-contacts to remain in school in modified quarantine after an exposure, provided testing is done
- Individual contact tracing is very labor-intensive for school staff
- Updated guidance allows schools to notify groups of contacts and allows exposed students to remain in class with testing 3-5 days after exposure
 - Less work for school staff but could require more testing
 - Similar safety standard to modified quarantine

District Attorney & Attorney General Issues Warning



- We urge residents to be careful when choosing testing providers.

- DA issued an alert to raise greater awareness on compliance of testing standards and what to look out for at testing sites.

https://www.alcoda.org/newsroom/2022/jan/scam_alert_beware_of_unauthorized_covid_testing_si

- State Attorney General, issued a warning to beware of illegitimate testing practices.

<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-warns-californians-beware-illegitimate-covid-19-testing>