

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of June 27

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update



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Last week, Alameda County [lifted](#) its local masking Health Officer Order and re-aligned with the State's [Face Masking Guidance](#). COVID is still circulating at high levels in our communities and residents should exercise caution. Wearing a mask in indoor public settings protects the wearer and those around them from infection. *Watch "[Why I Mask](#)" a message from the Health Care Services Agency's Public Health Department Director Kimi Watkins-Tartt.*

Alameda County also announced that it is aligning with the [State's quarantine guidance](#) and definition of [close contact](#). Aligning with this guidance doesn't present a public health risk as most Alameda County residents are exempt from the County's previous quarantine requirements due to vaccination status. Alignment provides clarity for workplaces, which can now look to Cal/OSHA for guidance without also considering differing local rules. Anyone who develops symptoms should test immediately and stay home. Anyone who tests positive must follow [isolation requirements](#).

With summer gatherings, celebrations, and travel in full swing, continue taking precautions to keep yourselves and each other healthy. *Read [The Pandemic is Not Over and Monkeypox Cases Continue to Emerge in the Bay Area](#)*

If you do test positive for COVID, treatment is available for those who have symptoms and are at higher risk for severe illness. Alameda County's COVID-19 phone line can help residents understand their options. *Read [Treatment Reduces the Risk of Severe Illness](#)*

As always, thank you for your support. Help us distribute this information to others by sharing this newsletter.

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Vaccinating children 6 months and older against COVID-19 is recommended by the CDC, the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The best place to get your child vaccinated is at their doctor's office. This is an excellent opportunity to catch up on your child's [routine vaccinations](#) and learn about other programs and services that can support a healthy start. Appointments may also be available through myturn.ca.gov or by calling 1-833-422-4255. Talk to a health care provider or visit [Vaccinate All 58](#) to learn

more about safe and effective vaccines available for all Californians aged 6 months and older.

The Pandemic is Not Over

COVID isn't going away. Make the best choices for you and those around you:

- Get [vaccinated](#) and boosted.
- Gatherings that are small and outdoors are safer.
- If gathering indoors, wearing [high-quality masks](#) and [improving ventilation](#) add layers of safety.
- Get [tested](#) if exposed or symptomatic.
- [Stay home](#) if ill or positive.
- Learn about COVID-19 [treatment](#).



Treatment Reduces the Risk of Severe Illness

Sick with COVID-19? Here's what to know about COVID-19 treatments:

- ✓ Can lower risk of severe illness and hospitalization.
- ✓ Work best when taken soon after symptoms begin.
- ✓ Talk to a health care provider about options or find a Test to Treat location right away.
- ✓ NOT a substitute for COVID-19 vaccines.



If positive for COVID-19 and have mild or moderate symptoms, [treatment](#) is available for people at high risk for hospitalization and death. Talk to a health care provider right away to learn if treatment is right for you or call Alameda County's [COVID-19 line](#), (510) 268-2101, to learn about treatment [options](#) and [conditions](#) that may make you at higher risk for hospitalization and death.

Don't wait until symptoms get worse! Treatment must start soon after symptoms appear. If you don't have, or can't reach a health care provider, make an appointment at a free, State-supported [Test-to-Treat location](#).

Epidemic Data Points (7-day lag)

- 38.5 cases per 100,000 residents per day - total population
- 31.9 cases per 100,000 residents per day - fully vaccinated

- 91.6 cases per 100,000 residents per day - unvaccinated
- 12.4% test positivity in the general population
- 11.9% test positivity in low-income areas
- 136 hospitalized, 17 in ICU

Please visit our [dashboard](#) for more data on COVID-19.

Help Improve HIV Services in Alameda County

The Alameda County Public Health Department needs your support to collect 1,000 [survey](#) responses from persons living with HIV and reside in [Alameda and Contra Costa Counties](#). Understanding experiences in accessing HIV-related services—from both persons in care and persons not in care—will help inform future strategies for expanding access and improving the standard of care. Contact OTGA@acgov.org or (510) 208-5983 with questions.



Oakland Transitional Grant Area Consumer Survey
We Want to Hear from You
 Share your experiences accessing HIV-related services in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Your feedback matters to us

~15-20 min. to complete

Chance to win a \$50 gift card

Ready to provide your feedback?
 Visit tinyurl.com/OTGASurvey to begin the survey.

Note: Digital survey available in English and Spanish. Paper survey available in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Vietnamese-Thai, and Spanish.
 Questions? Email OTGA@acgov.org

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Monkeypox Cases Continue to Emerge in the Bay Area

[Monkeypox](#) is not new, but this is the first time this [virus has spread](#) in so many countries at once. The risk of getting monkeypox continues to be low for the general public unless they engage in [higher-risk behaviors](#), like having sex with multiple partners.



What you should know about

MONKEYPOX

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Many of the cases currently appearing are within networks of self-identified gay and bisexual men, trans people, and men who have sex with men. [People in these networks are currently at higher risk](#), though people of any sexual orientation or gender identity can become infected and spread monkeypox.

First-Ever Medical Detox Pilot in Alameda County Launches July 1



Alameda County Behavioral Health Services (ACBH) is partnering with Sutter Health to launch a new, two-bed pilot at Merritt Peralta Institute (MPI) for Medi-Cal beneficiaries requiring medically supported substance use detoxification, the first of its kind in the region. Under this pilot, ACBH will offer medically supported three to six-day medical detox services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Patients will receive twenty-four hour care by multi-disciplinary professionals to address withdrawal symptoms while keeping patients safe. This service will also provide the appropriate level of intervention and reduce hospitalizations in emergency departments.

Annual Celebration Honors the Resiliency and Strength of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

On June 21, the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Consumer/Community Advisory Board (HCH CCAB), hosted [Summer Solstice](#), a celebration of the strength and resiliency of people overcoming barriers to gain housing, and advocates fighting to end homelessness.



Held at Oakland's Oscar Grant/Frank Ogawa Plaza, the annual event included an award ceremony honoring homeless participants and advocates. [Osha Neumann](#), a homeless advocate and supervising attorney at the East Bay Community Law Center, was recognized as this year's "Hero to People Experiencing Homelessness Award" for his work representing hundreds of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Special thanks to Alameda Health System, Alameda Health System Foundation, LifeLong Medical Care, and countless other partners for their support. For questions about Summer and Winter Solstice events, please contact [David Modersbach](#), Grants Manager at the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless.

Prepare for Wildfire Smoke



Wildfire smoke can carry particulate matter (PM) and gases that can impact our health. Reduce exposure by staying indoors, using an air filter, or [properly wearing a N95 mask](#) if a person must be outside or can't come indoors. Use [AirNow.gov](#) for local air quality status.

COVID Vaccine Locations and Resources

- [Coyote Hills Elementary School](#) Newark: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Closed July 2 for the holiday weekend; will reopen July 9 and 16.**
- [Weekes Community Center](#) South Hayward: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Closed July 2 for the holiday weekend**
- [San Lorenzo High School](#) Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mobile Vaccination Locations:

- Mexico Tortilla Factory Newark: Fridays, [July 1 and 22](#) and [July 8 and 15](#), 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Roots Community Health Center Oakland: Saturdays, [July 2, 23, 30](#) and July 9 and 16 (Drop-in or call 1-888-763-0007), 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- The Black Cultural Zone Oakland: [Wednesday, July 6](#), 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- BOSS & Adamika Village (Town Nights) Oakland: Friday, July 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Drop-in or call 1-888-763-0007)
- Hoover Elementary School (Town Nights) Oakland: [Fridays, July 8, 15](#), 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Roots Community Health Center (Town Nights) Oakland, Friday, July 8, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Drop-in or call 1-888-763-0007)

Find more [vaccine](#) and [testing](#) locations or [make an appointment](#) by visiting our [website](#). Additional resources on our COVID-19 website include a [ventilation interactive tool](#), guidance for [isolation and quarantine](#), [mask and face coverings](#), [workplace recovery](#), and [community resources](#).

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