

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of August 1

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update



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This week, the State of California announced a state of emergency as a result of the monkeypox outbreak. Alameda County welcomes the mobilization and resources from our partners in the State to support our local response effort. ACPHD is expected to receive close to 3,200 doses of the monkeypox vaccine, and testing for monkeypox is more widely available. Many cases in the U.S. currently appear within networks of self-identified gay and bisexual men and transgender people; however, anyone can become infected and spread Monkeypox. *See Monkeypox*

School resumes this month – be sure your schoolchildren are up to date on immunizations and COVID-19 vaccines. We strongly recommended that everyone six months and older stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination. If you have schoolchildren 12 years of age and older, see *Vaccines for Teens and Preteens*. In addition, check our resources and locations to get vaccinated near you under *COVID-19 Vaccine Locations and Resources*.

Lastly, HCSA's Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) recently received national recognition for its innovative approach to connecting safety net services for Alameda County residents. Learn more in *Health Care Services Agency Receives National Recognition*

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Monkeypox

We continue to closely monitor monkeypox cases in Alameda County. ACPHD continues to work with community partners to expand access to vaccines for those who are at the highest risk of exposure while

partnering with health care providers to expand access to treatment. ACPHD is expected to receive close to 3,200 doses of the Monkeypox vaccine (JYNNEOS) from the State. In the last allotment, Alameda County received almost 900 doses of JYNNEOS vaccine. To get a precise estimate of how many Monkeypox vaccines Alameda County needs, we look at data on the proportion of County residents who are at risk for Monkeypox exposure. This data is currently unavailable; however, we estimate the need is well over 10,000, possibly in the tens of thousands.



Testing for monkeypox is more widely available now that multiple large commercial laboratories offer this service. Individuals should contact their primary care provider, and residents without a primary care provider should contact the Alameda County Public Health Department at monkeypox@acgov.org. ACPHD is currently exploring ways to track monkeypox testing in the county.

We recommend that persons with symptoms of monkeypox notify their primary care provider and make an appointment for evaluation and testing, and stay home except to get medical care.

For more information about monkeypox, please visit the [ACPHD website](#) and [the California Department of Public Health website](#).

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

Alameda County expects to have the [Novavax COVID-19](#) vaccine available at County-operated clinics by mid-August. Initial allocation to Alameda County is 3,000 doses. The California Department of Public Health expects Novavax appointments (for primary series vaccination) to be available through MyTurn starting in late August. Residents 18 years and older can get the Novavax vaccine, a two-dose primary series, with the second dose administered three weeks after the first. Boosters are not recommended, and the Novavax vaccine is not yet authorized for children 17 and younger. We encourage residents to talk to a health care provider if they have questions about a particular vaccine. We strongly recommend that all persons stay up to date on eligible COVID-19 vaccine doses.



Message from Nikki Thomas, KBLX Radio Host

Nikki Thomas, the KBLX radio host, decided it was time to get vaccinated to keep herself and others safe from COVID-19. She also wanted to ensure her daughter was vaccinated before the start of the school year. [Watch](#) as she receives her first vaccine and encourages fellow Alameda County residents to vaccinate.

EVERYONE CAN GET PROTECTED

COVID VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 6 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS OLD!



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COVID
VACCINE
SITE
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Vaccines for Teens and Preteens

Vaccines can help keep your preteen and teen healthy, so they can continue going to school and hanging out with friends. Get some peace of mind by immunizing your preteen against diseases like whooping cough and COVID-19. Visit the [Shots for School CDPH page](#) for information on immunization laws and required vaccinations for students in California.



Epidemic Data Points (7-day lag)

- 34.9 cases per 100,000 residents per day
- 13.7% test positivity
- 4,126 reported lab tests per day
- 163 hospitalized, 18 ICU
- 1,967 deaths since January 1st
- BA.5 dominant
- Alameda County is now in CDC "High" Community Level

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

Health Care Services Agency Receives National Recognition

HCSA's Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) receives national recognition for the innovative way it coordinates care for clients seeking vital services with providers. The SHIE received two awards from CompTIA, a nonprofit association in the information technology (IT) industry and workforce sector – Information Technology and Web Services, E-Government, and Mobile Apps.

The SHIE was also recently recognized in the top 5 of the Digital Counties Survey for its digital presence in government services. Alameda County, the only county in California ranked in the top 5, received this recognition for the ninth year in a row.



HCSA partnered with the Alameda County Information Technology Department (ITD) to build a data lake (a centralized location with raw data) to link multiple data sets. Known as the SHIE Depot, this way of matching and accessing data sets has amplified the SHIE's population health management and care coordination. At the start of the COVID pandemic, the SHIE was instrumental in the deployment of [Project Roomkey](#) with data sourced to quickly identify unhoused individuals and move them into a non-congregate hotel room setting. Additional highlights include identifying vaccination opportunities and delivering care equitably to underserved communities and improving the jail health scheduling system.

Behavioral Health Seeks Your Input



Complete the Strategic Planning Initiative Survey Today! From now through August 26, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) launches a Strategic Planning Initiative (SPI) to seek the feedback of its diverse stakeholders to support the development of a long-term plan. The plan intentionally focuses on serving the diverse needs of the whole community, including communities that have been traditionally underserved, unserved, or inappropriately served. Public feedback is requested by participating in activities planned for this process, including a quick survey. Help shape the future of ACBH's services by completing this [brief survey](#) before August 26.

COVID Vaccine Locations and Resources

- [Weekes Community Center](#), South Hayward: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mobile Vaccination Locations:

- Eastmont Wellness Center: Saturdays, 7/23 and 8/20, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Vaccine for Infants/Toddlers ages 6 months- 5 years old ONLY.** [Schedule an appointment](#) or call 510-268-2101
- Children's Fairyland, Oakland: Saturdays, 7/30 and 8/27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Vaccine for Infants/Toddlers ages 6 months- 5 years old ONLY.** [Schedule an appointment](#)
- Roots Community Health Center, Oakland: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Schedule an appointment](#)

Find [vaccine](#) and [testing](#) locations 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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