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Week of February 15

## Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

*Please share with your networks*

We continue to see declines in COVID-19 case rates as we recover from the winter surge. While our overall [test positivity and equity quarter metrics](#) meet the Orange and Red alert thresholds, respectively, our daily adjusted case rate remains above 7 new cases per 100,000 which keeps Alameda County in the [Purple Tier](#).

Although we are progressing in the right direction, it is essential to remember that the virus is still widespread. If we want favorable trends to continue and limit the magnitude of future surges, we need to keep doing all the things we know help slow the spread of the virus: wear face coverings, practice social distancing, staying home and avoiding gatherings. Please continue to share this message with your family, friends, and colleagues.

Please visit our [video library](#) to view and share important messages such as this note from our Vaccine Community Advisory Committee Co-Chair [Greg Hodge](#).



This was a big week for the expansion of COVID-19 vaccine availability in Alameda County. As of February 16, approximately 254,000 vaccine doses have been administered to Alameda County, representing nearly 188,000 first and over 62,000 second doses.

Limited vaccine supply continues to be our biggest barrier to vaccinating more residents, while severe winter storms are causing vaccine shipment delays in some areas of our nation.

Alameda County has enough vaccine this week to continue operating our County-operated Points of Dispensing (PODs) at normal levels. We hope we will receive our supplies for next week to continue operating current PODs like the [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#) and other sites. The FEMA/State operated mega POD at the [Oakland Coliseum](#) uses a supply separate from the County's.

Each week we provide a digest of current events and new information sourced from presentations and briefings we hold with our community. We hope you find this summary useful and we appreciate your readership. As always, presentations to our Board of Supervisors and back issues of our newsletter may be found [here](#).

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#) and [Oakland Coliseum](#) mega Point-of-Dispensing (PODs) launched this week, and our community PODs continued to operate as well.

### Alameda County Fairgrounds POD

Alameda County is partnering with [Suiter Health](#) and [Stanford Health Care ValleyCare](#) to distribute up to 5,000 doses per day, Wednesdays through Saturdays. The site is currently serving health care workers and residents aged 65 and older by appointment:



- [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#) (all Alameda County residents)
- [Suiter Health](#) or (844) 987-6115 (for Suiter Health patients only)
- [Stanford Health Care ValleyCare](#) or (650) 498-9000 (for Stanford Health Care ValleyCare patients only)

### Oakland Coliseum POD

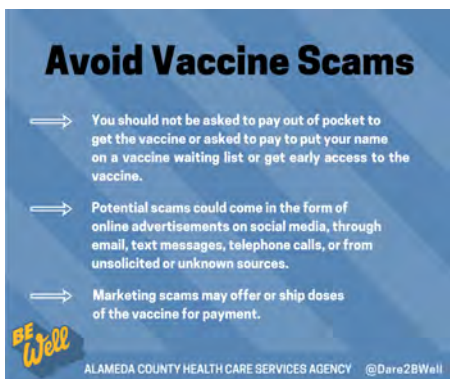
This site is operated by the State and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to dispense up to 6,000 doses per day on a daily basis. The site is currently serving health care workers, older adults over the age of 65, and [essential workers](#) in food and agriculture, education and childcare, and emergency services. Appointments must be made through the State's registration platform [MyTurn](#) or by calling 833-422-4255.



### Community PODs

We plan to keep our Fremont High School POD open to serve people from our highest impacted neighborhoods and eligible essential workers. An additional POD serving public safety partners opened this week as well. Our partnerships with our community clinics, our Medi-Cal health plan, and the Fire Incident Management Team sites continue as well. We are also supporting the City of Berkeley's Local Health Jurisdiction POD at Golden Gate Fields.

We encourage Alameda County residents to [register to be notified](#) when it's their turn to receive vaccine and recently launched a [video tutorial](#) to help residents complete the COVID vaccine notification forms.



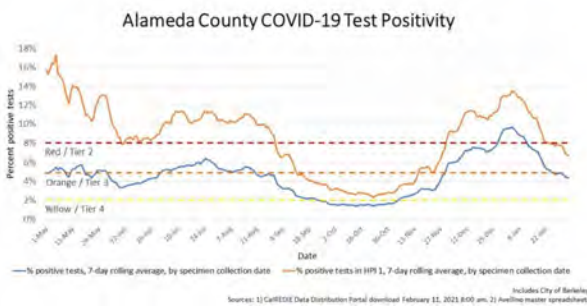
**Please be aware of potential scams.**

It is unfortunate that there are individuals who consider the vaccine distribution process as an opportunity to take advantage of our residents. The important thing to remember is that you will likely receive vaccine information from your primary doctor or your local Public Health Department. You can find additional information on our [Vaccines](#) webpage.

**Vaccine Opportunities Through CVS and RiteAid**

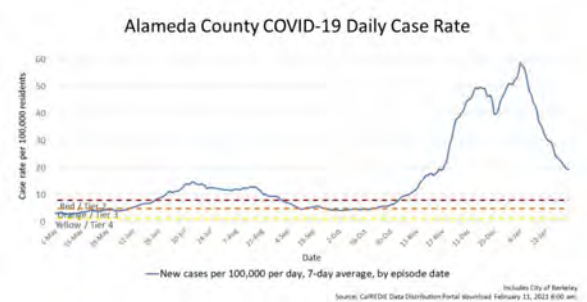
The Federal government recently partnered with retail pharmacies to provide the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to eligible people including people age 65 and older and health care workers. Vaccine appointments can be booked through the [CVS](#) and [Rite Aid](#) websites. Eligible Californians should not contact individual stores or go to the stores and ask to be vaccinated without an appointment. We are advised that the appointment slots fill up quickly.

**COVID-19 Data Update**



The following data reflects the state's 7-day average and 7-day lag data reported February 9 through February 16:

- 78,714 cumulative cases
- 1,121 cumulative deaths
- 12.6 adjusted case rate per 100,000
- 3.6% overall test positivity rate
- 5.9% lowest [HPI](#) quarterly test positivity
- 8,000+ [tesng](#) 7-day average
- 213 patients currently hospitalized
- 70 patients in ICU
- 239 Contact Investigators & Tracers
- 22 Community Resource Navigators



**Improved Health Outcomes Among LTCF and SNF Residents**

Our County's Long Term Care (LTC) Outbreak team continues to support residents in long-term care facilities (LTCF) and skilled nursing facilities (SNF), developing procedures that reduce the spread of COVID-19 and supporting staff caring for these residents. We are pleased to announce that since January 2021:

- 38 LTCF residents have been hospitalized due to COVID-19.
- 14 deaths have occurred which represents a 74% decline from the average number of deaths in LTCFs every 1.5 months in 2020.
- 10 SNF residents have been hospitalized and just 2 deaths due to COVID-19.

Last year, 397 SNF residents were hospitalized and 296 deaths due to COVID-19. The dramatic improvements are the result of hard work and ongoing dedication of our LTCF Outbreak team. These improved health outcomes would not have been possible without their diligent care and continued support.

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