

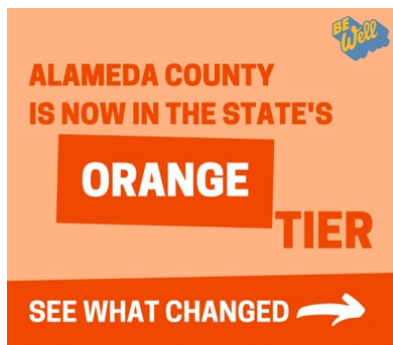
CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of March 29

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

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ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY

Alameda County advanced to the Orange Tier of the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) this week. Our [announcement](#) includes a summary of businesses that are now permitted to resume operation. However, the pandemic is not over. Please continue to take [precautions](#) to protect against COVID-19. Please also minimize spread of the virus by avoiding non-essential travel and large gatherings during upcoming holiday celebrations.

Statewide vaccine eligibility expanded to individuals age 50-64 on April 1, and to individuals 16+ starting April 15. Vaccine supply continues to be the greatest challenge to reaching more residents and meeting the [expectations announced by federal and state leaders](#). While not everyone will be able to get an appointment right away, we anticipate increased vaccine supply in the coming weeks and will have additional appointments on an ongoing basis.

We encourage residents to take the first COVID-19 vaccine offered since [all three are safe and effective](#) at preventing severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalization, and death. As a reminder, vaccine is available through many providers as [listed](#) on our website.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of March 30, over 854,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in Alameda County. Over 327,000 residents are fully vaccinated representing nearly 25% of Alameda County residents age 16 and older. Over 76% of adults 65+ have received at least one dose, 55% are fully vaccinated, and COVID-19 case levels have dropped significantly in our long-term care and skilled nursing facility residents.

Alameda County is finalizing requests for proposals to build additional capacity for vaccine distribution while focusing on existing sites including mobile vaccinations. This will help ensure all residents 16+ have low barrier access to the vaccine, including residents who are homebound or have transportation barriers and residents from neighborhoods where the disease has caused greater impact.

Please complete our [vaccine notification form](#) if you have not done so already. This form helps us reach you when it's your turn to receive the vaccine. [Paratransit services](#) are available to residents who need assistance traveling to and from vaccine sites. Fully vaccinated individuals are encouraged to still [get tested](#) for COVID-19. While the vaccine protects individuals from severe COVID-19 illness, it may not prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others including those who aren't vaccinated.

Community Vaccine Points of Dispensing

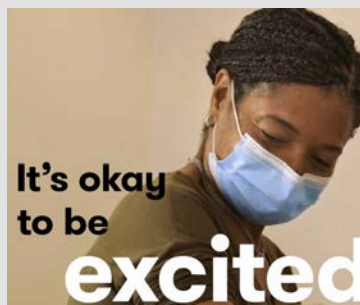
Our community-based points of dispensing (PODs) continue serving our priority neighborhoods to ensure vaccine reaches areas where we observe the highest rates of COVID-19. These sites include:

- **Alameda County Fairgrounds** where Stanford and Sutter will continue vaccine dispensing through June and begin accepting our referrals on April 3.
- **Oakland Fremont High School** where we continue to serve our priority neighborhoods in the Fruitvale District.
- **Ashland Cherryland Hayward Acres Hayward Adult School** where we opened this week in partnership with community and faith-based organizations.
- **Deep East Oakland Allen Temple** where we are working in partnership with community based organizations to begin serving our priority neighborhoods in early April.

Please take a moment to listen to [Leslie](#), [Mady](#), and other community members as they share their vaccine experience as part of our [Community Voices](#). In addition to why individuals chose to get vaccinated, you'll hear about the activities our community members long to return to and perspectives on the importance of using COVID-19 precautions to protect the health of our family, friends, neighbors, and work colleagues.



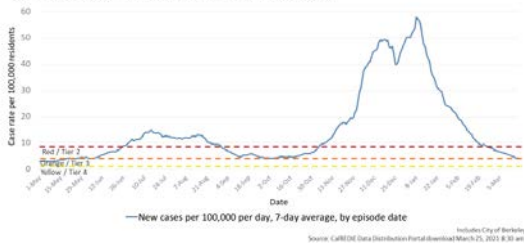
ImmUnity Vaccine Media Campaign Launches Across the State



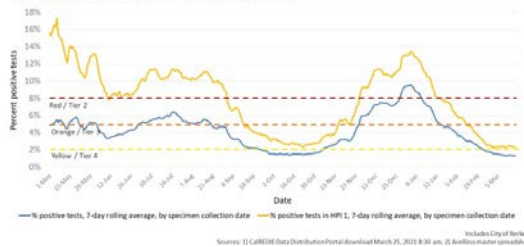
Last week the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched its "Let's Get to ImmUnity" media campaign. The goal of the campaign is to offer answers and reassurance that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and our greatest tool to end the pandemic. The campaign is connected to CDPH's [Vaccinate All 58](#) statewide campaign and is one part of the state's Five Part Plan for Vaccination Equity. Campaign ads are scheduled to run on the radio, print, [online](#), TV, and billboards, with a focus on multicultural and multilingual media outlets over the next few weeks. A social media [communications toolkit](#) was created to assist organizations that want to help promote

COVID-19 Data Update

Alameda County COVID-19 Daily Case Rate



Alameda County COVID-19 Test Positivity



The following data reflects the state's 7-day average and 7-day lag data reported March 23 through March 30:

- 82,905 cumulative cases
- 1,395 cumulative deaths
- 2.6 adjusted case rate per 100,000
- 1.1% overall test positivity rate
- 1.9% lowest **HPI** quartile test positivity
- 8,500+ **testing** 7-day average
- 89 patients currently hospitalized
- 22 patients in ICU
- 44 Outbreak Investigators
- 145 Contact Investigators & Tracers
- 16 Community Resource Navigators

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Changes for our Partners

As a reminder to our community partners, the State's Third-Party Administrator (TPA) begins COVID-19 vaccine distribution this week for providers who have signed the TPA agreement. This differs from the previous process where our Public Health Department received vaccines that were requested by the provider. The State will make final determinations on vaccine allocations and they will be sent directly to provider sites. We will continue to prioritize our vaccine dispensing sites for our communities who have suffered the heaviest burden of COVID-19.

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