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Week of April 5

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

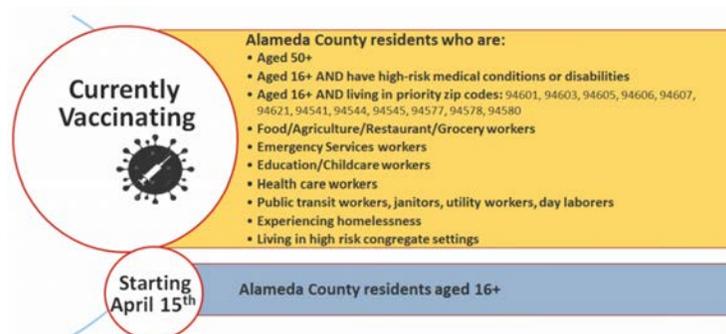
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Alameda County completed its first week in the Orange Tier of the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). We observed a small increase in our case and test positivity rates during the past week, but our COVID-19 metrics are still within the Orange Tier range. This serves as a reminder that this pandemic is not over. Please continue to wear a mask and keep your distance even if you are fully vaccinated. Doing so will help protect those who have not been vaccinated yet. It will also help reduce the likelihood of another surge which is occurring in other states around the country.

We continue to make progress with vaccinating our residents including people who are currently unhoused, have low mobility, or are homebound. This week we also reduced age and employment-based barriers for people who live in high-

impact areas, in [alignment with state guidance](#) to prioritize vaccination for communities that have faced the highest rates of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic. Many of our essential, frontline workers and their families live in these priority zip codes and often in crowded or multigenerational households. This approach helps us reach our equity goals and serve communities that have borne a disproportionate burden.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of April 7, [over 980,000](#) COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in

Alameda County, and nearly 394,000 residents are fully vaccinated representing 30% of residents age 16 and older. Vaccine supply to Alameda County continues to lag behind the expanded number of residents now eligible within the state framework.

If you have not done so, please complete the [vaccine notification form](#) to be notified when it's your turn. 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 also encourage you to check with your [health care provider](#) to ask if they have appointments available. Or you can visit [Vaccinate.CA](#) to identify additional vaccine sites around Alameda County.

Oakland Coliseum Vaccine Site to Be Extended

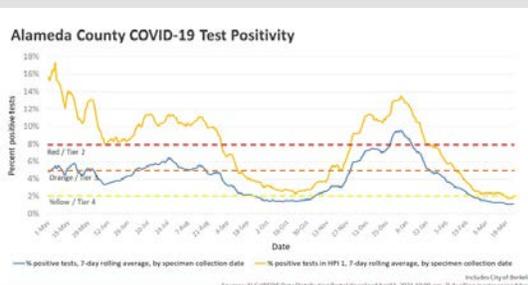
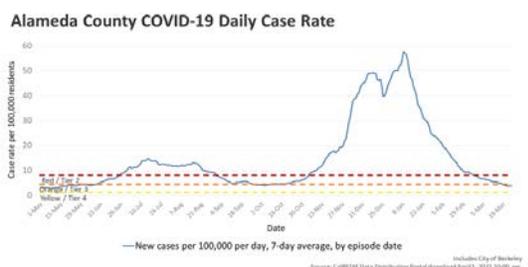
Alameda and Contra Costa County will partner with the State to extend the Oakland Coliseum vaccination site. Under the agreement announced April 6, the two counties will continue serving their respective residents. Personnel and equipment currently at the Coliseum will remain in place for the next four weeks. Perhaps most importantly, the State will continue providing half of the weekly vaccines for the site while the remaining half will come from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This site is expected to deliver up to 6,000 vaccines per day.



We thank all our elected officials and community partners who advocated for an extension of services after it was announced that the site would close on April 11. This extension allows us to complete transition feasibility planning without disrupting service to our community while a vital role in vaccinating our residents.

To sign up for an appointment at the Coliseum, please visit [myturn.ca.gov](#). New appointments will be open every evening.

COVID-19 Data Update



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

- 83,780 cumulative cases
- 1,426 cumulative deaths
- 3.5 adjusted case rate per 100,000
- 1.4% overall test positivity rate
- 2.1% lowest [HPI](#) quartile test positivity
- 7,500+ [testing](#) 7-day average
- 76 patients currently hospitalized
- 26 patients in ICU
- 46 Outbreak Investigators
- 141 Contact Investigators & Tracers
- 15 Community Resource Navigators

A Glimpse Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy

This week, Governor Newsom [announced](#) that the state would allow businesses to fully reopen starting June 15, if two criteria are met:

- **Equitable vaccine availability:** sufficient supply for Californians 16 years or older who wish to be vaccinated, and
- **Consistently low burden of disease:** stable and low hospitalizations, specifically, among fully vaccinated individuals.

Businesses would be free to return to their usual operations as long as they comply with Emergency Temporary Standards/Cal OSHA and other statewide agency guidelines and standards with limited public health restrictions, such as masking, testing, and testing or vaccination verification requirements for large-scale higher-risk events. More information can be found on the state's [Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) memo.



LifeLong Medical Care Vaccinates Our Unhoused Community



Recently [CNN](#) and [Berkeleyside](#) published stories about our [Health Care for the Homeless](#) program and community partner, [LifeLong Medical Care](#) efforts to vaccinate unhoused residents living in Oakland and Berkeley. The stories highlight the team's vaccination work with unhoused residents including those who are hesitant

about being vaccinated. To date, more than 1,600 homeless people in Alameda County have been vaccinated, placing us ahead of San Francisco and other neighboring counties. Special thanks to the LifeLong Medical Care staff for their ongoing partnership to protect and support our unhoused community.

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