

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of April 19

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

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This week we held our breath as a guilty verdict was delivered for the murder of George Floyd. While the verdict is a step forward, it is a small and inadequate measure of justice for a family robbed of a son, a partner, a brother, and a father. It is a small measure of justice for our loved ones, colleagues, and neighbors in the Black community who have long called our attention to systemic racism, injustice, and inequity.

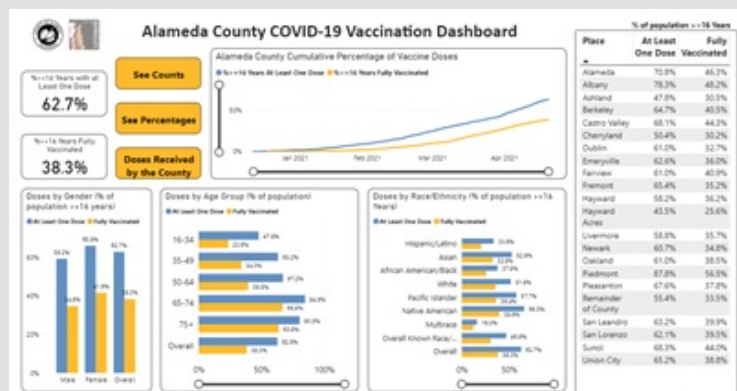
This moment calls for a collective recommitment to building inclusive communities and providing services equitably and with empathy. This moment requires us to lead with kindness and extend grace and comfort to ourselves and to each other as we work through strong emotions. As we continue this important work, together, we thank you all for the work you do to promote healing and health.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of April 20, more than 1,255,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to Alameda County residents. More than 823,000 residents are fully vaccinated which means that just over 38% of our residents' age 16+ are fully vaccinated.



Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you. Alameda County residents can find a vaccine site using the new [interactive map](#) on our website. Enter the preferred zip code to view multiple locations including information about eligibility, appointment status, and how to register. Use our new [vaccine registration](#) link to schedule an appointment. If you are unable to get an appointment through Alameda County and you have a [health](#)

[care provider](#), please ask if they have appointments available for you.

The pandemic is not over. COVID-19 is in our community and more than 60% of our residents' age 16+ are fully vaccinated. As we build community immunity, please continue COVID-19 precautions to avoid severe illness, hospitalization, and death. It's also important to keep masking even after vaxxing.

Fully vaccinated? CDPH recently posted [recommendations](#) for the fully vaccinated including what you can and should continue to do.

You'll find information on COVID-19 variants, breakthrough infections, vaccine supply, and guidance after vaccination in this week's [update](#) to our Board of Supervisors.

California's Set to Fully Open June 15

Governor Newsom recently [announced](#) that California will fully open its economy if [two criteria](#) are met:

1. Vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated, and
2. Hospitalization rates are stable and low, especially among vaccinated individuals.

Our current daily case rates keep us in the Orange Tier of the [state's blueprint](#). As we head toward June, we must stay vigilant against COVID-19 and variants emerging across the Bay Area while vaccine shortages remain. Our focus remains on our priority neighborhoods and ensuring vaccine access to residents disproportionately affected by COVID-19.



Oakland Coliseum Vaccine Site Update



New appointments are posted for every day. The site is open to those who live or work in Alameda County and Contra Costa, with 17 drive-through lane. Thousands of appointments are available daily at [MyTurn.ca.gov](#) or by calling 833-422-4255.

Please note:

- BART, pedestrian and AC Transit access to the Coliseum is currently closed.
- If you are scheduled for a 2nd dose walk-up appointments during the week of May 2, you WILL have access to your appointment via BART and the pedestrian bridge.
- Drive-through appointments remain open and are accessible by a motor vehicle.

Community Based Points of Dispensing (PODs)

Governor Gavin Newsom declared April 15 "Vax Day" to during a [visit to Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center \(TVHC\)](#) to reaffirm his commitment to vaccine equity. The state opened vaccinations to everyone 16 and older the same day and Newsom cited our TVHC partners as a prime example of vaccine equity. We also continue to post-vaccine testimonials from our [community voices](#) and encourage you to share with your networks.



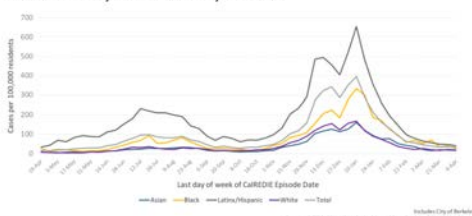
We continue supporting community-based PODs including Fremont High School in Fruitvale, Hayward Adult School in Ashland Cherryland, and mega sites at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and Oakland Coliseum. We're also prioritizing mobile PODs within our priority neighborhoods, and partnering with Berkeley for the site at Golden Gate Fields. Getting a vaccine can be challenging and we offer two new resources:

1. Our [interactive map](#) with vaccine sites from many providers, and
2. Our [flyer](#) with Alameda County supported sites, registration links, how to find an appointment, and what you need to know about your appointment.

Last week, our Behavioral Health team hosted their first POD at Eden Adult Community Support Center in San Leandro. The clinic was staffed by Eden's clinical case managers, mental health specialists, medical, clerical, and support staff, and our management team. More than 100 individuals were vaccinated including 80 service team clients and beneficiaries from Cherry Hill and Jay Mahler.

COVID-19 Data Update

Alameda County COVID-19 weekly case rate



Alameda County COVID-19 Test Positivity



The following data reflects the state's 7-day average and 7-day lag data reported April 10 through April 17:

- 85,282 cumulative cases
- 1,477 cumulative deaths
- 3.1 adjusted case rate per 100,000
- 1.2% overall test positivity rate
- 2.1% lowest [HPI](#) quartile test positivity
- 7,100 + [testing](#) 7-day average
- 69 patients currently hospitalized
- 20 patients in ICU
- 41 Outbreak Investigators
- 139 Contact Investigators & Tracers
- 16 Community Resource Navigators

Help Us Develop Health Promotion and Education Materials

Please fill out a brief survey about COVID-19 vaccines to help us

develop more effective health promotion and education materials. The survey is for our community and will be open through mid-May. The data gathered is anonymous and confidential and no identifying information will be collected. The survey is available in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).



Alameda County Behavioral Health is #ByYourSide

Public Information Campaign



Our Behavioral Health team recently launched a campaign to raise visibility for resources available to Alameda County residents seeking treatment for prevention services. The pandemic has taken its toll in many ways, including increasing demand for mental health care and substance use treatment. We want our community to know we are here to support you and #ByYourSide every step of the way. The campaign includes links to treatment resources on our [website](#) and the number to access our call center 1 (844) 682-7215.

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