

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of May 17

## Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

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The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)'s [announced](#) that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks in certain indoor settings. However, the state released a [statement](#) informing the public that we will continue with our [current masking guidance](#) until June 15. After June 15, the state will align with the CDC's updated masking guidance. The Association of Bay Area Health Officials, representing 12 Bay Area Health Officers, including our Health Officer, [strongly supports the state's masking guidance strategy](#).

Our COVID metrics continue to improve and we are making great progress with our vaccination efforts. As of May 18, over 1 million residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Our focus now is to make the vaccination process, from locating vaccination information to getting fully vaccinated, as easy as possible.

We recently launched a new [webpage](#) to support vaccinations for eligible 12 to 17-year-olds and will be hosting a popup clinic where youth and their families can get vaccinated together. We will continue to try and reach eligible residents who have yet to get vaccinated.

Thank you to our staff and community partners for helping us get this far in our recovery. Please share these updates with your colleagues and anyone you think might appreciate receiving this information.

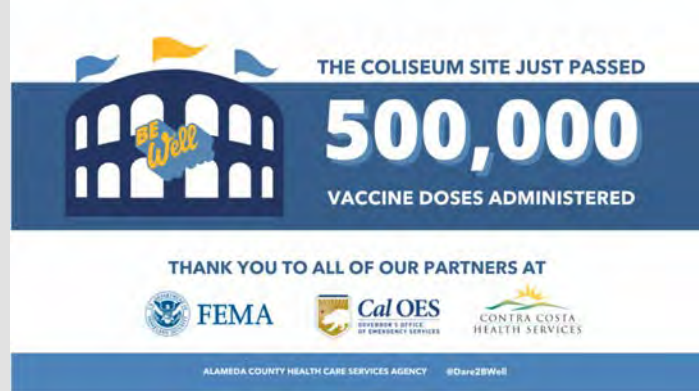
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## COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of May 18, more than [1.7 million](#) doses have been administered in Alameda County. On May 19, the Coliseum site passed 500,000 doses administered, marking another important milestone

on our journey. Approximately 75 percent of residents age 16+ have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 778,000 (over 59%) of our residents age 16+ are fully vaccinated. Because COVID-19 continues to circulate here and abroad, the best way for residents to protect themselves is to get vaccinated and mask up especially in crowded environments, if you don't know the vaccination status of those around you.



### ***Where Can I Get Vaccinated?***

Residents are encouraged to sign up for a vaccine appointment [online](#). Registration is available in multiple languages. We also have a [list](#) of vaccination sites throughout Alameda County. Residents can [click here](#) to view Community and Mobile vaccine sites/Points of Dispensing (POD). If we all get fully vaccinated, we can continue to reopen our county and look forward to a great summer. The longer you wait to get vaccinated, the greater the risk of contracting COVID-19 and becoming seriously ill or spreading it to a friend, loved one, or co-worker.

### ***I am disabled or have a health-related condition and need assistance.***

Paratransit services are available to support vaccine access. This specialized transportation service is available for persons who are unable to independently use regular buses, streetcars, or BART due to a disability or health-related condition. We also offer a [printable version](#) of the Paratransit Supporting Vaccine Access tables.

### ***I missed my second dose of Pfizer. What should I do?***

Anyone who missed their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine can get an appointment at the Coliseum through May 23. Call 510-462-5139, [email](#), or use this [link](#) to schedule an appointment.

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Family Day**

Alameda County announced plans for family days and drop-in access for priority neighborhoods. COVID-19 vaccines will be offered through the county and state partners, health care providers, pediatricians, and pop-up clinics at schools and youth and family-serving organizations. Heads of families who are vaccinated and are now seeking vaccinations for their 12 to 15-year-old youth can:

- Ask their health care provider
- Visit [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov) to find clinics and pharmacies vaccinating people 12+
- Go to the Alameda County Fairgrounds (drive-through only)
- Contact [UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland](#)
- Go to the [City of Berkeley](#) vaccine sites

More information about youth vaccinations can be found on our [Youth Vaccination Facts](#) webpage.

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## **Protecting Seafarers In Partnership With IMC**



The Alameda County Public Health Department has partnered with the International Maritime Center (IMC) to hold Johnson & Johnson vaccine clinics for Seafarers coming into the Bay Area. The IMC, which is based at the Port of View Park in Oakland, is part of a 200-year-old interfaith worldwide network that supports the health and welfare of Seafarers.

The first vaccine clinic took place on May 14, and a second clinic is scheduled for May 20. The clinic will be initially limited to administering approximately 100 vaccines per day to Seafarers every Thursday. The IMC is incredibly grateful for this partnership as it directly supports Seafarers. Thank you to our public health staff who are helping to support this partnership.

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## Reaching Our Homebound Residents

We were pleased to participate in the recent [article](#) about the state's efforts to vaccinate homebound residents. The story includes information about our local efforts as well as other health care agencies throughout the state and around the country. Currently, California is leading the way with its homebound vaccination efforts.

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There are several ways to request vaccination services for homebound Alameda County residents:

1. Call the county vaccine phone line: [510-208-4VAX](tel:510-208-4VAX) (4829),
2. Call the MyTurn vaccine phone line: [1-833-422-4255](tel:1-833-422-4255), or
3. Submit the online county form and request homebound vaccination. Please note, this form is a common intake for all county-run vaccination clinics, the request for homebound vaccination only comes at the very end. [AlCoVax Signup \(Public\) \(primarybio.com\)](https://www.alco.vax.gov/signup-public)

Thank you to our staff and community partners for helping to reach and protect our homebound residents.

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## COVID-19 Data Update

## 7 - Day Average and 7 Day Lag Data for May 8 - May 15

**88,148**  
Cummulative  
Cases

**1.1%** overall test  
positivity rate

**6,300 +** testing 7-  
day average

**2.9** adjusted case  
rate per 100,000

**1.6%** lowest HPI  
quartile test  
positivity

**78** patients  
currently  
hospitalized  
**17** patients in ICU

### Updated COVID Materials and Information

We continue to update our COVID-19 materials and information to reflect where we are with the pandemic. Below are a few documents that have been recently updated.

- [Health Officer Order on Quarantine 20-06i](#)
- [Getting a Vaccine in Alameda County](#)
- [Instructions for replacing a lost COVID vaccination card](#)
- [Updated Returning Travelers Guidance](#)
- [Workplace COVID-19 Outbreak Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Retesting Guidance](#)

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