Week of May 24

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

Please share with your networks

We are pleased to announce that over 75 percent of county residents, age 16 and older, have now received at least one dose of the vaccine. And Alameda County was recently ranked 16th in the nation for having the most fully vaccinated residents in a county with 250,000 residents or more. These are major milestones for our county and we are grateful to our staff and community partners for their hard work and dedication to get vaccines to our residents.

This week, the State announced Vax for the Win, a $116.5 million vaccine incentive program. The multi-faceted initiative will reinforce the value of vaccination for all Californians, especially those in communities hardest hit by the pandemic. As we continue focusing on getting more individuals vaccinated, residents and businesses should continue to wear masks, keep their distance and operate under the state’s restrictions for Orange Tier counties per the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which will remain in place until June 15. Let’s get ready by getting vaccinated with the effective and safe COVID-19 vaccines and masking to protect unvaccinated residents and individuals younger than 12 from COVID-19.

Our response page includes this week’s update to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and past issues of this newsletter. Please share with your colleagues and others you think might appreciate receiving this information.

Alameda County Dashboard Public Health Department Website

Beyond the Blueprint: A Closer Look

On May 21, the state released its Beyond the Blueprint Guidance to aid counties across the state as they fully reopen. The state is scheduled to dismantle its Blueprint for Safer Economy tier structure on June 15, which means COVID restrictions will be removed for most sectors.

Other Beyond the Blueprint key changes include:
- Vaccination Verification or Negative Testing: Required for indoor mega (5,000+
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of May 25, more than 75% of Alameda County residents over age 16 (over 1,000,000 people) have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 60% (over 800,000 people) are fully vaccinated. Over 80% of residents 65+ have received at least one dose, and over 1.7 million doses have been administered in the county.

Vaccines are now available directly through health care providers, at pharmacies like CVS and Walgreens, at the Buchanan parking lot at Golden Gate Fields, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (until June 1), and at community sites like those at Fremont High School in Fruitvale, Hayward Adult School in Ashland Cherryland, Allen Temple Baptist Church in Deep East Oakland, and the Old Decoto School in Union City.

Alameda County residents who are eligible and have not been vaccinated yet are encouraged to make an appointment or drop by our community sites. You can also visit our Where to get a Vaccine page to see a regularly updated list of community, state, and health care providers who are offering vaccines. Residents who are don't have access to the web or need additional help can call 510-208-4VAX (510-208-4829) to arrange an appointment.

Vaccinations to Move from the Alameda County Fairgrounds

Alameda County, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, and Sutter Health announced that appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations, previously offered at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, will relocate to the medical providers respective campuses.

Starting May 26, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare will complete its scheduled appointments at the Fairgrounds and then transition to its Livermore walk-in clinic on June 1. Sutter Health transitioned from the Fairground on May 24, while continuing to offer vaccination at several locations, including walk-in care clinics throughout the
COVID-19: The Conversation

We know masks protect everyone, and the vaccine protects you. We understand residents may not be sure about the vaccine or worried about things they may have heard. The Greater Than COVID videos by Black and Latinx health care workers provide helpful answers to frequently asked questions and myths. There are also Greater Than COVID toolkits and playlists for people to use and share with others. Doctors, nurses, researchers, and promotoras provide facts and dispel misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccines in The Conversation/La Conversacion an FAQ video series from the Kaiser Family Foundation with the Black Coalition Against COVID and UnidosUS. Check out these highly informative videos today.

Don't Forget About COVID-19 Testing

Even after getting the #COVID19 vaccine, it’s important to get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if your job requires that you get tested. Continuing to get tested is important because, if you’re vaccinated and have been exposed to the virus, you may spread it to others, even though you are protected. Protect yourself and others by finding and getting tested at a site near you.

COVID-19 Data Update
Prostate Cancer Symposium - June 12, 2021

The Friends of Dr. Frank Stagers, Sr. are hosting an inaugural event to increase awareness about prostate cancer and the disparities in survival rates for African American men. This event is designed to engage the community around early detection of prostate cancer and improve survival in Alameda County. The virtual event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. For more information, email: FriendsofdrFrank@gmail.com and to register for the symposium: https://redcap.ucsf.edu/surveys/index.php?s=XCEAFHWP8R

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