

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of May 24

## Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

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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.

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## 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+

- attendees) events, and outdoor mega (10,000+ attendees) events
- Capacity Limitations: None
- Physical/Social Distancing: Not required
- Masking: Must align with current state [face-covering guidance](#)
- Travel: Must follow CDC [recommendations](#) and the state's [travel advisory](#)

Additional COVID-19 safety guidance from the state for health care settings, high-risk congregate settings, schools, and other youth-focused settings is expected soon. CalOSHA is also revising its Emergency Temporary Standards, which should be released shortly.

## 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 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

County and Northern California. Additional vaccination appointment details (e.g. how to make an appointment; vaccine clinic operation times, etc.) for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and Sutter Health can be found [here](#).

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## COVID-19 Data Update

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

**88,545  
Cumulative Cases**

**1.1% overall test  
positivity rate**

**5,800 + testing 7-  
day average**

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

**1.8% lowest HPI  
quartile test  
positivity**

**55 patients  
currently  
hospitalized  
17 patients in ICU**

### 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](mailto:FriendsofDrFrank@gmail.com) and to register for the symposium: <https://redcap.ucsf.edu/surveys/index.php?s=XCEAFHWP8R>

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