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Week of June 14

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

Please share with your networks

As we said goodbye to the California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy this week, we lifted Alameda County's Shelter in Place order and we are fully aligned with the State's guidance on masking, mega-events, schools and workplaces.

Daily life moving forward may resemble pre-pandemic days in many ways, and vaccinated people can go unmasked in many settings. People who are not vaccinated should continue to mask in indoor settings and, everyone, regardless of vaccination status, will need to wear a mask on public transit, in long term care facilities, shelters, detention facilities, and child and youth congregate settings. Alameda County no longer requires capacity limits, but businesses may require masking or capacity limits on their own. We ask residents to bring a mask when they are out in public in case they're requested to wear one, and to be considerate of those who choose to wear a mask.



The Alameda County local emergency declaration remains in effect. It is independent of the Health Officer Order and, while COVID-19 restrictions can be relaxed due to rising vaccination rates, the need for emergency response efforts continues for the time being. Please also note that the [eviction moratorium ordinance](#) will remain in effect until 60 days after the local health emergency is lifted and share with friends and neighbors who may have concerns. (See [FAQ](#) for more information.)

As viral variants continue to circulate, our Public Health team will continue efforts in disease monitoring, mitigation and prevention; testing; vaccinations; reducing health disparities; and ensuring a robust and responsive public health infrastructure.

Over the past seventeen months we've navigated many challenges together, and we are grateful for our community's partnership and support. As we move into this new phase of the response, we'll keep you apprised of significant events and look forward

to reaching high rates of vaccination and low rates of cases across ALL of our communities.

This biweekly newsletter will publish again on July 1. We appreciate your readership, encourage your feedback, and ask that you share this newsletter with others.

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Community Vaccine PODs

Ensuring Alameda County residents are fully vaccinated is a priority and vaccine is widely available. Vaccines are free and individuals aged 12 years and older are eligible. Many locations offer after 5 pm hours.

Vaccines are free and immigration status will not be asked. Alameda County supported vaccination sites are listed by [date](#) on our website, along with an interactive map of all locations across the county. Anyone who missed their second dose can call our vaccine phone line (510-208-4VAX) to schedule an appointment.



Join Us for Beyond the Blueprint - What's Next?

Alameda County will hold another Beyond the Blueprint [Employer Update](#) on June 21 from 6 to 7:30 pm. The session will offer re-opening guidance and updates on [Cal/OSHA standards](#). Registration is limited and livestream will be available on [YouTube](#). We posted our Community Update [recording](#) and [presentation](#) for those who missed the June 15 session and

would like to access the information we shared.

COVID-19 Data Update

7 - Day Average and 7 Day Lag Data June 9 - June 12, 2021



89,410
Cumulative Cases



.7% overall test
positivity rate



5,129+ testing 7-day
average



1.5 adjusted case rate per
100,000



1.3% lowest HPI
quartile test
positivity



33 patients currently
hospitalized
5 patients in ICU

AJPH Editorial: HIV Among Gay and Bisexual Men

Our Public Health Department Deputy Director Dr. George Ayala recently published an [editorial](#) in the American Journal of Public Health's special issue commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first reported cases of AIDS. With his colleague Dr. Andrew Spieldenner, Dr. Ayala reflects on HIV's disproportionate impact on Black and Brown gay and bisexual men and the ongoing need for culturally responsive public health strategies that are community-led and based on human rights principles. Dr. Ayala also joined two other invited authors for an accompanying [podcast](#), "Consistent Grassroots Voices on the Way to End the HIV-AIDS Epidemic," available on the publication's website.



A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. Ayala has 30 years of experience leading community programs and organizations focused on HIV, health, and human rights. Dr. Ayala is the founding Executive Director of [MPact Global Action](#) for Gay Men's Health and Rights. His work has centered around factors that facilitate and hinder access to and utilization of health services among gay men worldwide.

Sign up For Free Earthquake Warnings



Earthquake Warning California is managed by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the country’s first publicly available, statewide warning system. This system is designed to give California residents a few moments warning to take cover before shaking occurs. To receive earthquake warnings, Californians

can download the free MyShake App from [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). To learn more about Earthquake Warning California or to get industry/business resources to share with employees, customers, and the public, visit earthquake.ca.gov.

Tobacco Control Launches New Website

The Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition launched its new website! The Coalition is a diverse grassroots group that works to reduce and prevent tobacco use in Alameda County through education, advocacy, and policy. [Check us out!](#)



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