

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Week of July 12

## Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Update

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COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are rising across Alameda County, likely due to reopening, changes in mask use, the Delta variant, and varying vaccination rates. Our daily case rate is 6.7 per 100,000 and rising, and we are averaging over 110 cases reported daily. The entire county is affected, and we are seeing the highest rates in our priority neighborhoods including East Oakland, West Oakland, and Ashland Cherryland. Of note:

- Test positivity is 3.8% for our Healthy Places Index (HPI) Quartile 1 neighborhoods and 2% overall.
- Hospitalizations are increasing while testing rates are averaging 4,500 per day.
- Most new Alameda County cases and around region are in unvaccinated residents.
- While post-vaccination cases are being detected and are to be expected, statewide, only 0.05% of vaccinated people have been infected to date.
- There is no evidence of widespread severe disease in vaccinated persons at this time.
- While case rates are still lower than the winter surge, we will likely see a surge at least like the one we experienced last summer.

### COVID-19 precautions prevent and stop disease

We continue to remind county residents and our partners of the protections provided by:

- Getting vaccinated.
- Wearing a mask in high risk indoor settings.
- Frequent handwashing for all and stations or hand sanitizer in multiple public settings to support good hand hygiene.

We will continue publishing biweekly and alert you if warranted between publication dates. Please visit our COVID-19 response page to view our Board of Supervisors [update](#) this week. We appreciate your readership, encourage your feedback, and ask that you share this information with others.

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## Protect Yourself, Your Loved Ones, Your Colleagues - Get Vaxed

Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19, preventing nearly all related hospitalizations and deaths. The most important thing we can do to stop the spread of COVID-19 and the variants is to ensure everyone who is eligible gets fully vaccinated. The risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection



continues for all residents as long as large numbers of people remain unvaccinated.

- As of July 14, 82% of our eligible population over the age of 12 has received at least one dose, and 70% of our eligible population is fully vaccinated.
- Over the past couple of months, we've seen the increase in vaccinations taper, and we're continuing our efforts to bring vaccine to smaller and more convenient settings.
- We are using census tract level data, overlaid with race and ethnicity data, to focus outreach and pop-up clinics.
- We're continuing to work with cities and trusted community partners to expand our reach.

We encourage eligible, unvaccinated residents 12 and older, and those who missed their second dose, to call 510-208-4VAX to schedule an appointment. Individuals can also drop by any [Alameda County-supported Community Points of Dispensing](#) or visit a local pharmacy or their health care provider.

## CDPH Updates K-12 School Guidance



The California Department of Public Health [updated K-12 school guidance](#) earlier this week, reinforcing the shared priority of full in-person instruction for students. **The State will be requiring masks for everyone in K-12 indoor settings**, as well as modified

quarantine to help avoid the most disruptive impacts of classroom exposures. The state has also offered a range of testing strategy options for schools. Schools should continue to maximize ventilation, practice good handwashing, and staying home when sick.

Alameda County is fully aligned with the updated CDPH Schools guidance, and our Safe Learning Team and COVID response team will continue to provide technical assistance and outbreak mitigation for schools. We also anticipate updated guidance soon for daycare, camp, and sports settings.

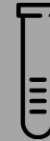
## 7 - Day Average and 7 Day Lag Data as of July 12, 2021



**988,714**  
fully vaccinated  
7/15/21



**1.7%** overall test  
positivity rate



**4,117+** testing 7-day  
average



**1,465** cases over  
previous 14 days  
7/15/21



**2.7%** lowest HPI  
quartile test  
positivity



**64** patients  
hospitalized  
**19** patients in ICU

[COVID -19 Data dashboard](#)

### Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)



[YouTube](#) channel.

Our [Court Appointed Special Advocates](#) (CASA) program recently released new materials for volunteer recruitment, community education, and philanthropy. CASA supports dedicated volunteers who provide compassion, guidance, advocacy, and information for children and youth facing the complex foster care system. CASA's new [30-second spots](#) and 3.5-minute videos are available for viewing on our Agency's

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