Alameda County
COVID-19
Community Advisory Group

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Meeting 25
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Agenda

1. Housekeeping & Welcome
2. Partner Updates & Lessons & Advice from the Field
3. County Updates
4. Strategic Refresh
5. Close Out

Everyone:
Please mute your microphone when not speaking
Please ask your questions in the Chat
2. Partner Updates & Lessons & Advice from the Field
3. County Updates
Local Epi and Policy Summary

• Spring wave is having second peak after period of improvement in June
  • May be due to emergence of BA.5
  • Impacts from severe disease remain below past waves
• Overall, conditions reflect increasing return to pre-pandemic activities

• Mask requirement lifted 6/24 after key metrics improved or stabilized
  • Subsequent increases in metrics reflect ongoing spring wave
  • Indoor masking remains strongly recommended

• Quarantine policy now aligned with CDPH & CalOSHA
  • Quarantine of close-contacts not required except in high-risk settings
  • Anyone in a shared indoor airspace with an infectious person is considered exposed to COVID-19
  • Masking around others for 10 days and testing within 3-5 days recommended after an exposure
  • Isolation of persons with COVID-19 infection is still required
Updated State K-12 School Guidance for 22-23

• Improve indoor air quality
• Follow mask guidance for general public
• Support antigen testing access
• Support hand hygiene
• Stay home when sick
• Notify families about COVID-19 exposures
  • Asymptomatic exposed children can stay in school; masks and testing recommended
• School and class closures for COVID-19 should only be used as last resort

K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year (ca.gov)
Patients with COVID-19 Currently Hospitalized in Alameda County

Source: California Department of Public Health
Wastewater Monitoring to 7/5 – East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Concentration Unit: SARS-CoV-2/PMMoV
Data Source: CDPH Drinking Water and Radiation Lab

Cal-SuWers Network Dashboard accessed 7/11/22
Visit the HCSA YouTube Channel for Latest Video Messages

[Image link to YouTube video]

Masks Work: Why We Mask

A message from:
Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Director of Alameda County Public Health Department

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ltjib7S2EaA
4. Strategic Refresh
Three Phases of COVID-19 Strategy Refresh

Step 1: May 2022 Review of high-level activities of the plan and get feedback from community.

Step 2: June 2022 Discuss masking order; identify priorities for next strategic plan using a racial equity, community-focused lens.

Step 3: July-August Share community feedback with COVID Division, ACPHD and HCSA leadership to shape the strategic refresh.

Parts of the COVID-19 Strategy
1. Goals= Alameda County population level health outcomes for the COVID-19 response focused on:
   - Prevention
   - Disease containment
   - Health disparities
   - Public health infrastructure

2. Strategies= actions to accomplish the goals

3. Implementation Plan= largely unseen and internal to operations team

Objective of next CAG meeting: Ensuring the next version of the Alameda County COVID-19 Strategy has community input
## 1-YEAR COVID-19 STRATEGY

**DRAFT for 2022 Strategic Refresh**

### GOALS

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<td>✓ Expand partnership with health system to maintain access to testing for all.</td>
<td>✓ Track epidemiologic trends by race/ethnicity, SES, gender, sexual orientation, zip code, and age.</td>
<td>✓ Building on the lessons learned from COVID, strengthen the capacity of people, technologies and systems to address current and future issues that impact the public's health.</td>
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<td>✓ Provide guidance and technical support to individuals, organizations, businesses and congregate settings on how to minimize risk, exposure and transmission.</td>
<td>✓ Investigate cases and outbreaks as needed.</td>
<td>✓ Target COVID-19-related services to communities shouldering disproportionate disease burden.</td>
<td>✓ Modernize and expand surveillance (behavioral and epidemiologic) and laboratory services.</td>
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<td>✓ Support adoption of policies and procedures that prevent infection and serious illness.</td>
<td>✓ Isolate people who test positive for COVID and follow current guidelines for quarantine of contacts.</td>
<td>✓ Identify and address root causes to disparities in COVID-19 and other health conditions.</td>
<td>✓ Expand program evaluation and community research capacities.</td>
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<td>✓ Communicate effectively through multiple means to inform and educate providers and residents and with an increased focus on serving populations disproportionately impacted by COVID</td>
<td>✓ Ensure equitable and ethical access to medication and therapies.</td>
<td>✓ Support and advocate for funding to community-based organizations led by and serving people shouldering disproportionate disease burden.</td>
<td>✓ Continue to use data to drive decisions.</td>
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<td>✓ Protect populations disproportionately impacted by COVID</td>
<td>✓ Link Alameda residents who test positive for COVID to housing resources, and provide housing to those with no other options.</td>
<td>✓ Ensure that all services are accessible, of high quality, culturally competent and linguistically appropriate.</td>
<td>✓ Meaningfully engage communities most impacted by COVID-19.</td>
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<td>✓ Support and institutionalize the department’s disaster service worker corp.</td>
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<td>✓ Expand program evaluation and community research capacities.</td>
<td>✓ Expand quality improvement and assurance initiatives within the public health department.</td>
<td>✓ Ensure language access and culturally relatable services across the agency.</td>
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CAG ACTIVITY-
Instructions

• You will be randomly assigned to one of four three breakout rooms to comment on three four different topics

  1. Prevention – Vaccines
  2. Disease containment - Testing
  3. Disease containment - Community Support
  4. Community Engagement—structure/process for ongoing feedback

  An equity approach is built into all strategies

• Facilitators will rotate through your breakout room. You will not have to move!
• Each round will be 15 minutes
1. PREVENTION – VACCINES

**Previous Operations:**
- Mass Vaccination sites
- Stable PODS in priority neighborhoods
- Some mobile and in-home vaccination services

**New Operations:** *May shift with new guidance about boosters.*
- Reduce the number of stable PODs
- Increase mobile and “pop-up” PODs (going to one-time community events)
- Increase in-home vaccinations, include broadening definition of “in-home”
- Co-locate with other vaccines, such as flu

**Questions:**
- What system-wide barriers need to be overcome to make access to vaccines equitable to communities disproportionately impacted by COVID?
- What are potential impacts of co-location of COVID vaccinations with other vaccines to help increase uptake for COVID vaccines?
- What approaches to COVID vaccination efforts should be continued?
2. DISEASE CONTAINMENT

- TESTING

Previous Operations:
- Universal testing with PCR tests
- Focus of community testing sites in high priority neighborhoods

New Operations:
- Focus on uninsured or underinsured
- Redirect insured residents to their providers
- Moving to rapid testing, from PCR
- Maintain equity approach: sites located in areas with high transmission and low vaccination + provide test services in language spoken by residents
- Link testing to treatment options

Questions:
- What are you hearing from your communities about access to test sites? What are the barriers to getting tested?
- What locations should county-led testing services consider to increase COVID testing?
- How can CBO partners support community testing access?
3. DISEASE CONTAINMENT – Access and Awareness

Previous Operations:
• Vaccine call line, Inquiries line, Community Support Team
• Direct delivery of financial assistance, isolation care kits, food, and other basic needs resources
• CBO partners doing outreach and health education
• Universal case investigations/contact tracing
• Zip codes with highest transmission, lowest vaccination rates prioritized

New Operations (continue to apply equity priorities):
• Combining Vaccine call line, Inquiries line, Treatment Guidance, and Community Support teams to increase accessibility: 510-268-2101
• Proactive outreach for Treatment Education and navigation
• All COVID+ cases receive “virtual assistant” survey with up-to-date information on what to do
• Building resilience via Community Coalitions
• Referrals to financial, food, health insurance, and other basic need resources.
• Case investigations linked to outbreaks prioritized to most at risk/vulnerable settings

Questions:
➢ How aware is your community of COVID treatment options? What are the barriers to access?
➢ How do communities learn about COVID vaccinations, testing and treatments?
➢ What outreach and educational strategies are most effective for those with no internet/low tech literacy? Are there neighborhoods/communities that have not yet been reached?

GOALS
Test, isolate, and support care of people with COVID-19.
Redress COVID-19-related racial/ethnic health disparities.
THANK YOU!

COVID-19 Vaccine
covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines
(510) 208-4829

COVID-19 Testing
covid-19.acgov.org/testing

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WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

Community Advisory Group (CAG)
2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month, 5:30-7:00 PM; next on 8/9
covid-19.acgov.org/community-advisory-group

Public Health Commission
2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM; next on 8/11
acphc.wordpress.com

Health Care Services Agency (HCSA)
COVID-19 Updates
Includes presentations & newsletters
covid-19.acgov.org/response
COVID-19 Treatment

- Medication is available for people with COVID at high risk* of severe illness
  - Paxlovid, Remdesivir, Molnupravir, Bebtelivomab
- Low-barrier treatment options in Alameda County:
  - CDPH Optum Serve mobile test sites (Paxlovid)
  - COVID Division treatment call center in planning
  - COVID Division working with local testing providers to offer treatment (LFCS, WOHC, La Clinica, ROOTS)
- **Test-to-treat** resources also linked at covid.gov
  - Test to Treat Locator
  - Find a testing site
- Contact your medical provider first if possible
- COVID Division Call Center in progress to connect COVID positive individuals to treatment options 510.268.2101 ncov@acgov.org

* Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with Higher Risk for Severe COVID-19: Information for Healthcare Professionals | CDC
COVID Treatment Information

There are more treatment options available now for COVID-19. While most people do not need treatment, treatments can prevent hospitalization and death for persons who are high risk. Talk to your healthcare provider if you are at risk of serious illness and interested in preventive therapy OR if you are at high risk and test positive for COVID-19.

Treatments are not a substitute for vaccination. Vaccination remains the safest, most effective way to protect you from COVID-19. Treatments must be started early, so don’t delay testing. Here is information on the available COVID-19 treatments.

For more information, visit: https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/know-your-treatment-options-covid-19

Source: https://covid-19.acgov.org/treatment
Boosters Now Recommended for 12+

- Get boosted!
  - 12+ are eligible for COVID-19 boosters

- Get vaxxed and boosted
- Upgrade your mask (fit and filtration matter a lot!)
- Test for early symptoms, exposed contact, pre/post risky events
- Stay home if sick
- Improve indoor ventilation and air-filtration

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*Vaccinated, booster eligible but unboosted workers may attend work during quarantine with test between day 3 and 5
When choosing a COVID-19 testing site **LESS is More**

Make sure the site you choose is:

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<th>Test kits have received FDA emergency use authorization. Testing sites do not need your social security number or immigration status.</th>
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<td>Ethical</td>
<td>Your test should be free, affordable or billable to insurance. Any additional cost should be clearly explained.</td>
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<td>Safe</td>
<td>Staff wear medical grade protective equipment. Gloves are worn and changed in-between clients. Testing staff implements COVID-19 safety protocols including distancing.</td>
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<td>Secure</td>
<td>Testing site and lab information are available and you should know how your personal information will be used.</td>
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Questions or concerns? Please send to: ncov@acgov.org

Alameda County Health Care Service Agency
GOALS

Prevenir la infección por COVID-19, transmisión y enfermedades graves.

Examinar, aislar y apoyar el cuidado de personas con COVID-19.

Reparación relacionada con COVID-19 disparidades de salud raciales/étnicas.

Fortalecer, alinear y evaluar infraestructura de salud pública.