

Alameda County COVID-19 Vaccine Community Advisory Group

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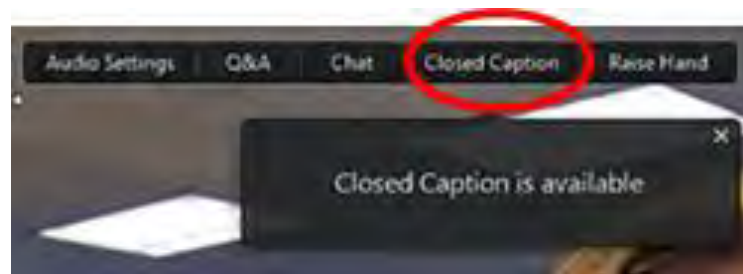
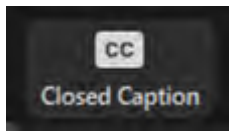


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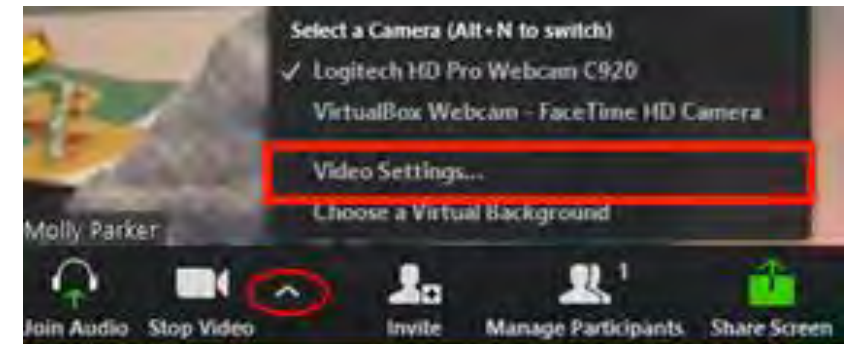
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Agenda

1. Housekeeping & Welcome
2. County Updates—Where Are We Really?
3. County & State & CDC
4. Schools-What is Happening Now?
5. Partner Updates

Everyone:

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Please ask your questions
in the Chat

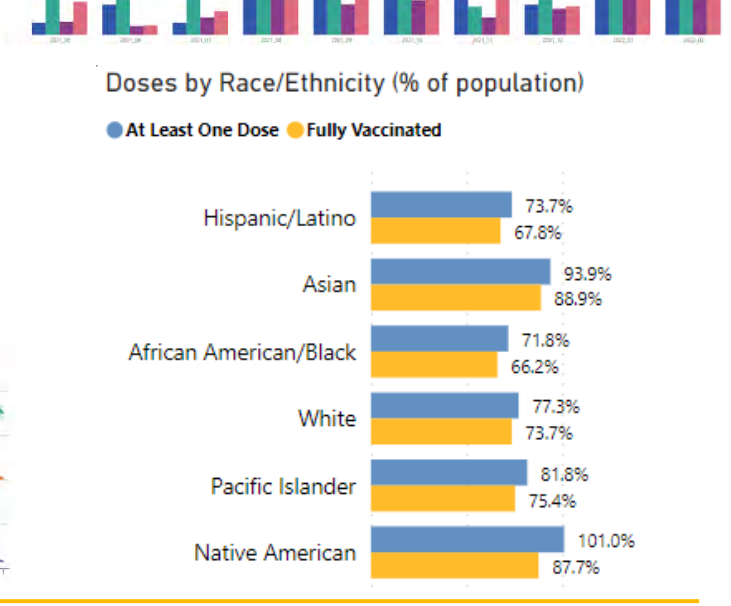
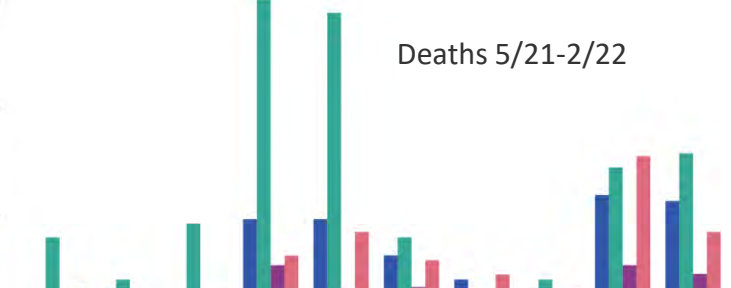
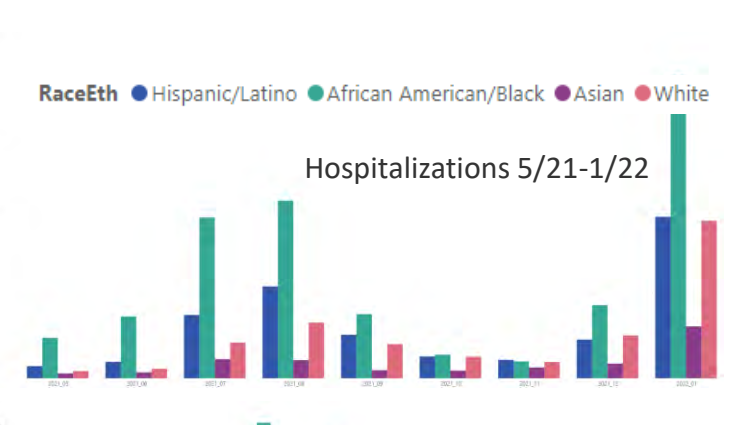
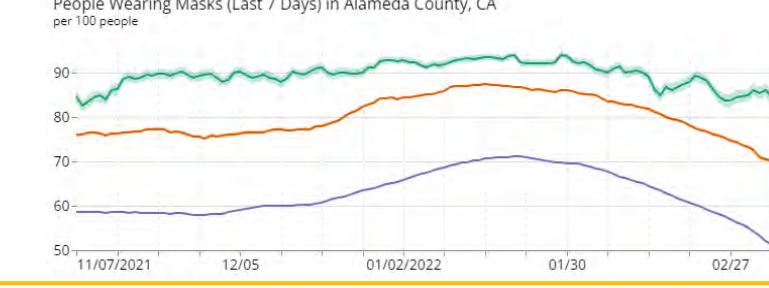
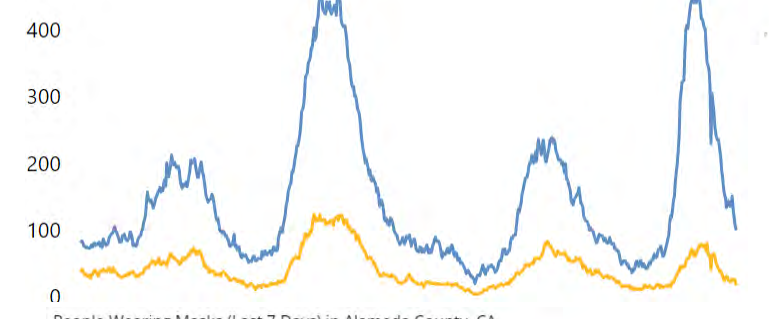
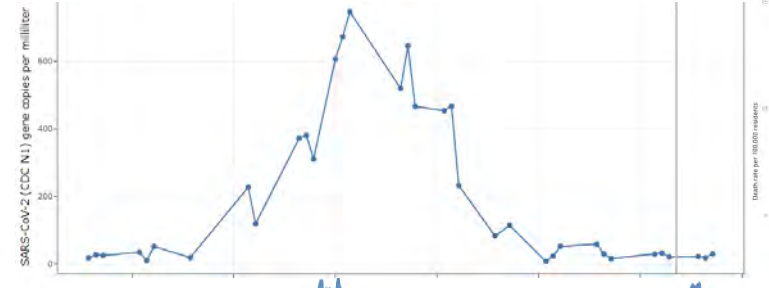
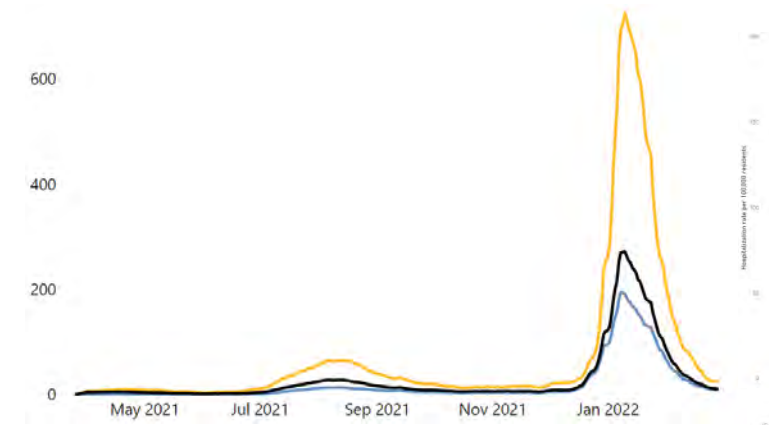
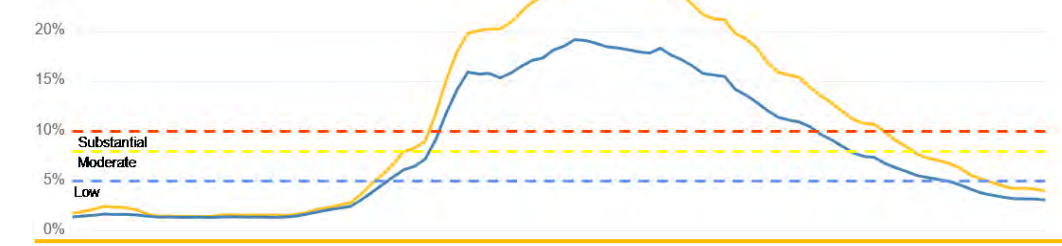
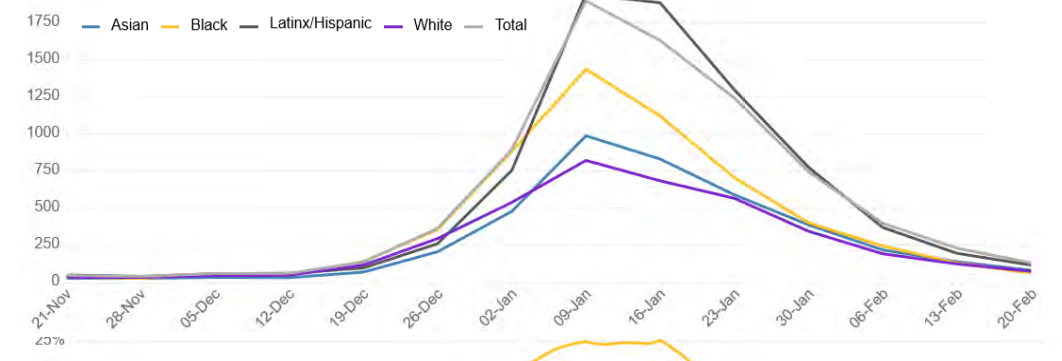
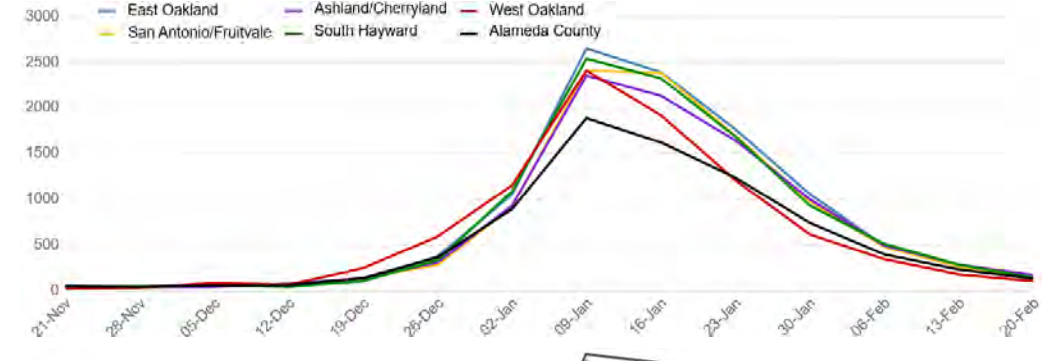
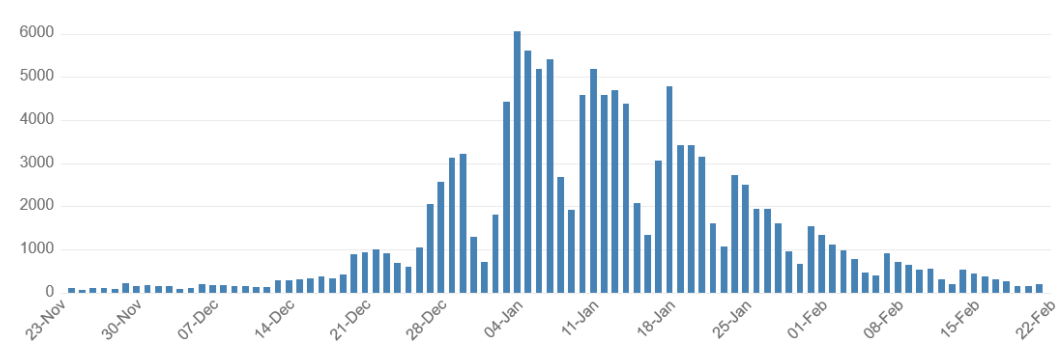


2. County Updates—Where Are We Really?

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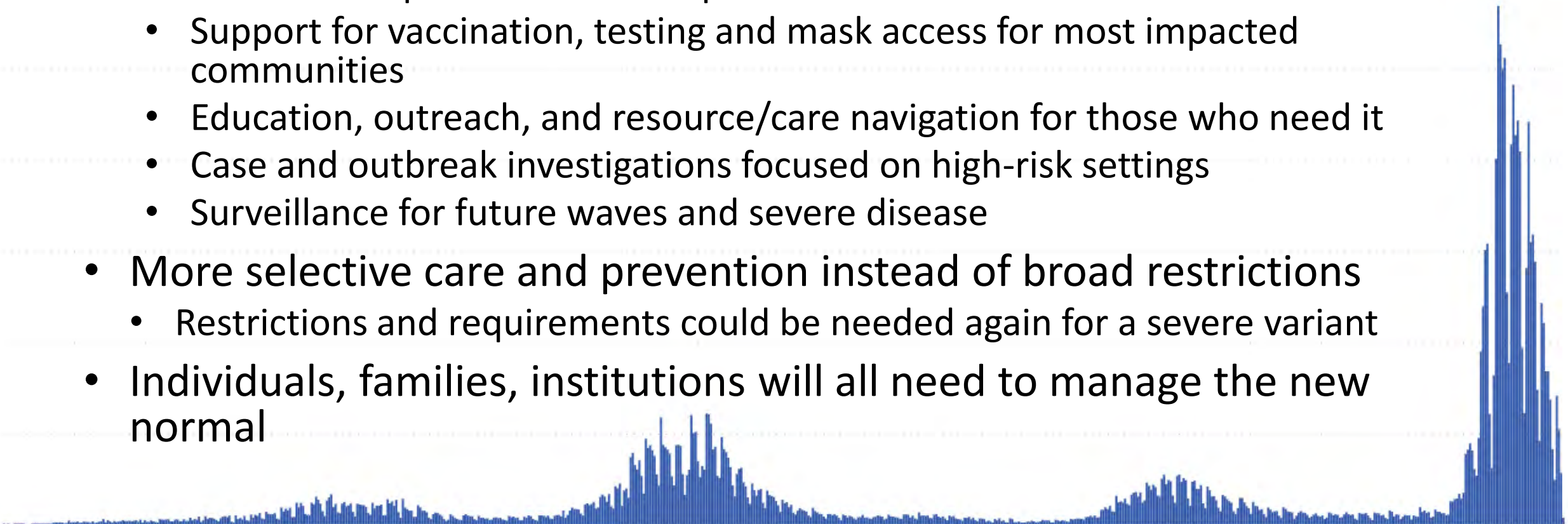
Updated State Masking Requirements

Vaccinated & Unvaccinated

	REQUIRED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL
Public Indoor (Effective end of day February 28)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Schools & Childcare (Effective end of day March 11)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Health Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Long-Term Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Jails & Prisons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

General Post-Omicron Considerations

- COVID-19 risk is lower for now, but it will continue to circulate
- Ongoing public health effort:
 - Address and prevent COVID disparities
 - Support for vaccination, testing and mask access for most impacted communities
 - Education, outreach, and resource/care navigation for those who need it
 - Case and outbreak investigations focused on high-risk settings
 - Surveillance for future waves and severe disease
- More selective care and prevention instead of broad restrictions
 - Restrictions and requirements could be needed again for a severe variant
- Individuals, families, institutions will all need to manage the new normal



COVID Prevention & Mitigation Services Division – post Omicron

COVID Division Transition Activities

- CI focused on priority groups & ARCH Stipend
- Ongoing support for high-risk settings
- Increased technical assistance in other settings
- Updated surveillance strategy
- Focus on prevention and mitigation
- Tools & resources for individual informed decision making
- Coordinate with Coalition/community partners on consistent/frequent messaging
- Ongoing access to resources, treatment
- Continue resource support and referrals
- Support patient navigation, treatment navigation
- Planning on a long term COVID response unit
- Update surge plan
- Continue access to testing resources in priority areas



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EPIDEMIC



PANDEMIC

3. County & State & CDC

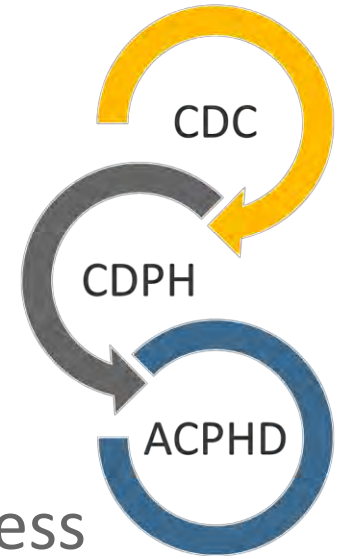
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Key Considerations for Health Directives

- The State has issued many COVID-19 directives and guidelines
- The Federal government rarely issue directives for COVID-19
 - CDC typically issues guidelines
- We can be more restrictive than federal or state directives, not less
 - State law grants local health officers authority for communicable disease control
 - Health directives cannot violate the Constitution
 - We must use less restrictive means when possible – this is not typical public health
- We have been more health protective here when needed
 - Examples: SIP, masking, isolation/quarantine, reopening cadence
 - Sometimes in alignment with various other Bay Area counties, sometimes not
 - The impact on high-needs/priority populations is a key consideration for directives
- Most mass directives for COVID-19 rely on voluntary compliance



Lifting Mask Mandates

- We have heard the concerns about lifting mandates
 - COVID is not over and we remain committed to preventing illness and death
 - We know it can send a mixed message to lift a mandate but still recommend masks
- Mask mandates will have the greatest impact during COVID-19 waves
 - We have to use less restrictive alternatives when we can
- We must continue to support health education & access to vaccination, testing, masks and treatment in our impacted communities
- We must be watchful for new surges and act when needed
 - Lab reports, wastewater, symptom surveillance, hospital data, variants

What We Can Do to Stay Aligned & Keep Communities Meaningfully Engaged

- Policy
 - Health Officer Orders
 - County programs and processes
 - Workplace regulations (generally at State level)
- Communications, health promotion and education
 - Broad messaging developed with and for all communities
 - Community-authored messaging tailored to meet needs within specific communities
 - Coordinated, ongoing community-led outreach and education
 - Keep multiple lines of and venues for communications open and fluid

4. Schools—Status Report

Michelle Smith McDonald

Lisa Erickson



ACOE's Support Through The Surge

-  ACOE-Sponsored Testing Site
-  Substitute Teaching Support
-  District Staffing Support



As of 2/8/22



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OFFICE OF EDUCATION**
L. K. Monroe, Superintendent

COVID and Our Schools - Status Report

STAFFING

Staffing shortages have eased along with surge

Still struggling for substitutes

PPE

PPE Delivered - State has sent at-home tests, N95 masks, children's masks additional PPE

Millions of units distributed since January

CALLS & TRAININGS

Continue to facilitate calls between school leaders and ACPHD

90th call last week

COVID Liaison trainings

VACCINES

Continue to promote vaccine opportunities



COVID and Our Schools - Status Report

Test Kit Distribution

- 500K at-home tests, spring break
- Rolling breaks beginning 3/28 through 4/18
- All public, charters and private schools
- Through the COE
- Distribution team been working full-time since January



COVID and Our Schools - Status Report

Masking Requirements

District Considerations

- Enforcement
- Liability
- Staffing Issues
- Impacts on Isolation and Quarantine



5. Partner Updates

Umoja Youth Mobilizers



THANK YOU!

COVID-19 Vaccine

covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines

(510) 208-4829

COVID-19 Testing

covid-19.acgov.org/testing

@Dare2BWell



WAYS TO STAY INFORMED



Community Advisory Group (CAG)

2nd Tues. of the month, 5:30-7:00 PM; next on 4/12

covid-19.acgov.org/community-advisory-group



Public Health Commission

2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM; next on 3/10

acphc.wordpress.com



Health Care Services Agency (HCSA)

COVID-19 Updates

Includes presentations & newsletters

covid-19.acgov.org/response



Extra Slides



Boosters Now Recommended for 12+

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



BE Well

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G **ET VAXXED AND BOOSTED**

U **PGRADE YOUR MASK**
(FIT AND FILTRATION MATTER A LOT!)

T **EST FOR**
EARLY SYMPTOMS, EXPOSED
CONTACT, PRE/POST RISKY EVENTS

S **TAY HOME IF SICK**

I **MPROVE**
INDOOR **VENTILATION AND**
AIR-FILTRATION

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ISOLATION + QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

TESTED POSITIVE

(Everyone)



Stay home for at least 5 days



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



ISOLATION ENDS:

After day 5 with negative test AND if symptoms are not present, fever free or other symptoms are resolving OR after day 10 without a test if fever free and symptoms are resolving



EXPOSED

(Unvaccinated or not boosted but booster-eligible)



Stay home for at least 5 days then test on day 5



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations OR if symptoms develop, test and stay home



QUARANTINE ENDS:



After day 5 with negative test AND if symptom free OR after day 10 without a test if symptom free

EXPOSED

(Boosted or vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible)



Test on day 5



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days



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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:

	L egal	Test kits have received FDA emergency use authorization. Testing sites do not need your social security number or immigration status.
	E thical	Your test should be free, affordable or billable to insurance. Any additional cost should be clearly explained.
	S afe	Staff wear medical grade protective equipment. Gloves are worn and changed in-between clients. Testing staff implements COVID-19 safety protocols including distancing.
	S ecure	Testing site and lab information are available and you should know how your personal information will be used.



Questions or concerns? Please send to: ncov@acgov.org

Alameda County Health Care Service Agency

LESS IS MORE

When choosing a safe COVID-19 testing site

Due to increased unauthorized COVID-19 testing sites, Alameda County encourages you to choose testing sites that are

Legal, Ethical, Safe & Secure.

Steps to choosing a L.E.S.S. testing site

1. **Verify with staff that testing kits used are authorized by the FDA**
2. **Don't share your social security number**
 - LESS testing sites will never ask for your ss#.
3. **Testing should be free, affordable or billable to insurance**
 - Any additional cost should be clearly explained.
4. **Assure that staff wear proper protective equipment and change gloves in-between clients**
5. **Locate testing site, testing lab & private policy information**

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What We Must Do To Keep Communities Meaningfully Engaged

- Policy and Program Input
 - County programs and processes
 - State & Federal programs and processes (eg workplace regulation and enforcement)
 - Funding
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