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COVID-19 Vaccine
Community Advisory Group

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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:
Please mute your microphone when not speaking
Please ask your questions in the Chat
2. County Updates—Where Are We Really?

Donata Nilsen
Dr. Nick Moss
Hospitalizations 5/21-1/22
Deaths 5/21-2/22
Doses by Race/Ethnicity (% of population)

- At Least One Dose
- Fully Vaccinated

Hispanic/Latino: 73.7% 67.8%
Asian: 93.9% 88.9%
African American/Black: 71.8% 66.2%
White: 77.3% 73.7%
Pacific Islander: 81.8% 75.4%
Native American: 101.9% 87.7%
# Updated State Masking Requirements

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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 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
3. County & State & CDC

Dr. Nick Moss
Dr. George Ayala
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
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](https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines)  
(510) 208-4829

COVID-19 Testing
[covid-19.acgov.org/testing](https://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

**Public Health Commission**
2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM; next on 3/10
[acphc.wordpress.com](http://acphc.wordpress.com)

**Health Care Services Agency (HCSA)**
COVID-19 Updates
Includes presentations & newsletters
Extra Slides
Boosters Now Recommended for 12+

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

Get VAXXED and BOOSTED
PGRADE YOUR MASK
(FIT AND FILTRATION MATTER A LOT!)
TEST FOR EARLY SYMPTOMS, EXPOSED CONTACT, PRE/POST RISKY EVENTS
TAY HOME IF SICK
IMPROVE INDOOR VENTILATION AND AIR-FILTRATION
*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:

Legal
Test kits have received FDA emergency use authorization. Testing sites do not need your social security number or immigration status.

Ethical
Your test should be free, affordable or billable to insurance. Any additional cost should be clearly explained.

Safe
Staff wear medical grade protective equipment. Gloves are worn and changed in-between clients. Testing staff implements COVID-19 safety protocols including distancing.

Secure
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
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

Alameda County Health Care Service Agency
What We Must Do To Keep Communities Meaningfully Engaged

• Policy and Program Input
  • County programs and processes
  • State & Federal programs and processes (e.g., workplace regulation and enforcement)
    • Funding
    • Health Officer Orders

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