Alameda County COVID-19 Community Advisory Group

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AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Partner Updates and Lessons from the Field
   1. Umoja Youth Mobilizers

3. County Updates

4. COVID-19 Division Updates

5. Close Out

Please mute your microphone when not speaking.
Please ask your questions in the chat.
2. Partner Updates & Lessons from the Field
3. County Updates
New Alameda County COVID-19 Cases by episode date

Includes City of Berkeley

Source: CalREDIE Data Distribution Portal download October 5, 2022
Patients with COVID-19 Currently Hospitalized in Alameda County

Number currently hospitalized

Date

- 7-day rolling average (total hosp)
- 7-day rolling average (ICU)
- Total hospitalized
- ICU

Source: California Department of Public Health
Wastewater Monitoring for Alameda County

EBMUD (CDPH) to 10/4

Biobot (CDC) to 10/5

Cal-SuWers Network Dashboard accessed 10/11/22

Biobot Network of Wastewater Treatment Plants accessed 10/11/22
COVID-19 Hospitalizations in England, Past 3 months

Healthcare in England | Coronavirus in the UK (data.gov.uk) Accessed 101122
## COVID-19 Boosters by Age, 10/11/22

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The chart above shows the distribution of COVID-19 boosters by age group as of October 11, 2022. The percentage of participants receiving either their first or second booster is indicated for each age category.
Influenza Positive Tests from CA Clinical Labs
State Mask Policy Updates Effective 9/23

- Recommendations now tied to [CDC COVID-19 Community Levels]*
  - Everyone recommended to mask indoors at High Community Levels
  - Vulnerable people recommended to mask at Medium and High Community Levels
- High-risk congregate setting changes:
  - At Low Community Levels, masking optional in shelters and correctional settings
    - Alameda County-operated facilities still subject to mask requirement for all County buildings
  - Masking required in Medium or High Community Levels, outbreaks and clinical areas
- Masks remain required by State in health care and long-term care facilities
- Masks remain recommended as part of exposure and isolation guidance

California COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave

• Provides 80 hours of paid COVID-19 related sick leave
  • Up 40 hours for isolation, quarantines, vaccination, or child's school closure
  • Remaining 40 hours for COVID-19 illness only

• For employees unable to work or telework

• Can be applied to care for qualified family member

• Only applies to employers with 26 or more employees

• Started 1/1/22 and now extended through 12/31/22

• More details: 2022 SPSL FAQs (ca.gov)
Current COVID-19 States of Emergency

• Federal
  • National Emergency
  • Public Health Emergency
    • Has implications for Medicaid enrollment
  • Declaration by HHS Secretary to allow FDA EUAs
  • PREP Act Emergency Declaration by HHS Secretary
    • Liability immunity for COVID-19 medical countermeasures

• State Declaration of Emergency

• Local Emergency (Sheriff)

• Local Health Emergency (Health Officer)
Considerations for lifting local health emergency

• Status of state and federal emergency declarations

• Ongoing pandemic conditions
  • Deaths, emerging variants, severe disease, treatment access, booster uptake

• Impact of message on ongoing response efforts

• No pre-specified metrics
  • COVID-19 metrics improve dramatically between waves
  • Emerging variants complicate assessments of risk
  • Need flexibility given potential for state, federal and regional changes
What is ahead?

• Expect continued roll-back of local, state and federal COVID-19 policies
• Expect infections to rise again in coming months
  • Greatest risk of severe disease is in unvaccinated & unboosted older adults
  • Disparities will reflect underlying health conditions and health care access barriers
    • People in denser housing and working conditions will continue to have highest exposure risk
• Challenge: Supporting the most impacted residents through this transition
2022 MPX (Monkeypox) Outbreak Updates

Eileen Dunne
10/11/2022

Guidance and Resources:
MPX.acgov.org
510-268-2101
Alameda County MPX Cases

- Alameda County: 233
  - Most (64%) are <40 years of age
  - Most (94%) are male
  - Most are gay or bisexual men - although anyone can get MPX after an exposure
  - 40% Hispanic/Latinx, 25% Black/African American, 21% White, 9% Asian
  - 63% of persons with MPX live in Oakland
  - 27% are people living with HIV

MPX Cases by Test Date, Alameda County

MPX.acgov.org
MPX Vaccine Eligibility (Updated 10/11/22)

- Gay and bisexual men and their sex partners
- Transgender people and their sex partners
- Sex workers and their sex partners
- People with multiple sex partners
- People living with HIV
- People who had sex at any sex venue
- Healthcare workers who are likely to collect laboratory specimens from persons with MPX (e.g., persons working in sexual health clinics or clinical settings that serve at risk populations)
- Laboratory workers who perform MPX testing
Alameda County MPX Vaccine Updates (10/10/22)

9,026 Alameda County residents have received the JYNNEOS vaccine

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MPX priorities

• Working with community partners to reach young gay and bisexual men of color and their sex partners to ensure knowledge and vaccine access
  • Deeper focused approaches to community engagement including outreach in clubs, bars, balls, high school LGBTQ clubs
  • Communications on importance of completing vaccine series
• Considering expanded vaccine eligibility criteria
• Continued partnership with the LGBTQ Center
• Ongoing timely identification of cases and contact tracing
• Ensuring guidance on Alameda County website is up to date
  • Countering misinformation - i.e., intradermal vaccination is less efficacious
4. COVID-19 Division Updates
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.
   (July – focus on MPX)

Step 3: Aug -Sept 2022  Share community feedback with COVID Division, ACPHD and HCSA leadership to shape the strategic refresh.

October 2022 – Updated COVID-19 Strategy: Final Draft

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
SUMMARY – CAG Input To Updated Booster Strategy

What are you hearing?

- **Safety** – are they safe? Is it safe to do both flu and updated booster?
- **Erosion of trust** – vaccines have not ended the pandemic. Why?
- **Need to learn more** of the science before we can teach others what is going on.
- **Caregivers** are really important to reach – if not over 50, a lot of questions about whether to get boosted.
- **Messaging** about protecting their families is not as impactful for younger people

How to increase uptake?

- Put forward real world **examples** to make it clear what people should do
- **Simplify the message** - Be realistic: vaccines & boosters will reduce illness, hospitalizations and death. They will not stop transmission or end the pandemic. Be real - we are all figuring this out together.
- Do targeted marketing focused on the **elderly, SSI workers** and those receiving **SSI**.

Does this reflect your ideas? Other input?
Do people know what to do when they get COVID? What concerns are you hearing?

• Treatment and treatment options not widely understood.
• Providers not up to date on what is available and who is eligible.
  o People being turned away for eligibility, esp if no ‘proof’ that they are immunocompromised
  o Challenging to get to a provider within 5 days
• Paxlovid – side effects are a deterrent (metallic taste, diarrhea)
• Latinx community – many do not know about test to treat; especially seniors and people not connected
• Confusion about isolation and quarantine rules (5 and 10 day period) Employers messaging inconsistently.
• Many without insurance are deterred from seeking vaccine
SUMMARY – CAG Input To Improve Access To Treatments

How to increase awareness and uptake of therapeutics?

- A good decision-tree about what to do when exposed.
- “Arm” people with information so they can talk to their providers. (Patient advocacy script)
- Raise awareness and availability of treatments among community providers
- Need delivery options for people with limited technology access

Does this reflect your ideas? Other input?
2-YEAR COVID-19 STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2024 Strategic Refresh
COVID Transition – Discontinuing:

- Universal Case Investigations
- Contact Tracing
- CBO CICT Contracts
- Mass Vaccinations
- Stationary POD Sites
- Siloed Outbreak Management
- Manual Case Migration to CalConnect
Strategy Refresh – Focus Moving Forward

Equity
✓ Focus on disparate impact of long COVID & chronic conditions

Outreach & Education
✓ Support Community resilience coalitions and single organizations outreach and education to reach unvaccinated and uninsured
✓ Increase community support team to link residents to resources
✓ Treatment, Education and Outreach (TEO) – reach out to cases >50 yrs in priority zip codes

Outbreak Investigations
✓ Focus on Complex cases, Treatment calls
✓ Increase Infection Prevention, technical assistance with outbreak management
✓ Cross-train all teams for rapid response capability across settings
Strategy Refresh – Focus Moving Forward

**Vaccines**
- ✓ In-home and “pop-up” Points of Dispensing (PODs), in partnership with community resilience coalitions and organizations
- ✓ **Focus:** Boosters, information on other health issues, including MPX
- ✓ **Support:** Pediatric providers to vaccinate 0 - 4-year-old group
- ✓ Work with health system to increase vaccination/booster coverage

**Testing & Treatment**
- ✓ Link residents directly to treatment at testing sites
- ✓ Build internal capacity for testing inside of DCDCP
- ✓ Provide test kits and masks to CBOs
- ✓ Link un/underinsured residents with tele-health resources
- ✓ Work with health system to increase access
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 11/8  
covid-19.acgov.org/community-advisory-group

Public Health Commission  
2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM; next on 11/10  
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 [https://covid.gov/](https://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

Source: [https://covid-19.acgov.org/treatment](https://covid-19.acgov.org/treatment)
Monkeypox (MPX)

- A rare disease caused by the monkeypox virus
- 97% of persons have rash: usually bumps and sometimes pustules or blisters
  - Located anywhere on the body and may occur in the mouth, around the anus, or on the genitals.
  - Persons with a rash characteristic of MPX should be tested and isolate.
  - Serious illness can occur especially in people with immunocompromising conditions.
  - Treatment is available (Tecoviromat or TPOXX).
- Vaccine (JYNNEOS) is a 2-dose vaccine--it prevents illness when given before or soon after exposure
  - Recent data on the vaccine finds that there may be protection even with one dose of the vaccine.