Alameda County COVID-19 Community Advisory Group

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Meeting 32
February 7, 2023
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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Partner Updates
3. County Updates
4. Medi-Cal Redetermination- Social Services Agency
5. Close Out
2. Partner Updates
3. County Updates
COVID Data & COVID Policies

Dr. Nick Moss
Epidemic Data Key Points

• Daily reported COVID-19 case rate now flat after 2-month decline
• 95 hospitalized, 8 ICU
• Wastewater signal is mixed
• Alameda County in CDC “Low" COVID-19 Community Level
• Flu and RSV situations improved
• Conditions are substantially better than in prior two winters

Visit the COVID-19 dashboard for more data
Lower than what?
Alameda County COVID-19 Daily Case Rate
*Tasa diaria de casos de COVID-19 del Condado de Alameda*

Transmission thresholds are adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention weekly thresholds, available at: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view
Alameda County COVID-19 Test Positivity

% positive tests in HPI 1, 7-day rolling average, by specimen collection date

% positive tests, 7-day rolling average, by specimen collection date

Includes City of Berkeley
Source: CalREDIE Data Distribution Portal download February 1, 2023
Patients with COVID-19 Currently Hospitalized in Alameda County

Pacientes con COVID-19 actualmente hospitalizados en el Condado de Alameda

Source: California Department of Public Health
Wastewater Monitoring to 2/1 – East Bay Municipal Utilities District

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

Change Sample Date
Dec 16, 20  Feb 01, 23

[Graph showing wastewater concentration from March 2022 to January 2023]

Cal-SuWers Network Dashboard accessed 02/6/23
COVID-19 Variant Distribution Nowcast, 1/29-2/4, 2023

CDC COVID Data Tracker: Variant Proportions Accessed 2/1/23
CDC COVID-19 Community Levels in US by County, 2/2/23
## Changes to Health Orders

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<td>• Medicaid continuous coverage requirement ends</td>
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<td>May 11, 2023</td>
<td>• Disaster Declaration &amp; Public Health Emergency end&lt;br&gt;• Medicaid COVID uninsured program ends</td>
<td>• FDA Emergency Use Authorizations end date TBD (not May 11)&lt;br&gt;• Free vaccine until supply runs out&lt;br&gt;• Cost of testing may rise</td>
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<td>State</td>
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<td>• <strong>State of Emergency Declaration Ends</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Waivers end on regulations&lt;br&gt;• Reduce state resources &amp; staffing</td>
<td>• Timeline for remaining State health orders (e.g., masking) is TBD&lt;br&gt;• Testing, vaccines and treatment covered by insurance – eventually will need to be within insurer network</td>
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<td>• <strong>Aligning with State to lift local Health Emergency Order, if conditions permit</strong>&lt;br&gt;• End <strong>requirements</strong> for general isolation, isolation &amp; quarantine in corrections, testing in Long-Term Care Facilities – <strong>move to recommendations</strong></td>
<td>• Align with State &amp; CDC for ongoing guidance&lt;br&gt;• Shift from response to prevention&lt;br&gt;• COVID-19 work integrated into ongoing Public Health programs</td>
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<td>60 days after local health emergency ends*</td>
<td>• The Board of Supervisors eviction moratorium is set to expire 60 days after the local health emergency ends</td>
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What to expect going forward:

• Emergencies are ending but COVID-19 will remain part of our lives
  • Greatest risk is for older adults and those with serious health conditions
• New variants will emerge
• Our understanding of short and long-term impacts of infection will grow
• Treatments and vaccination strategies should continue to evolve
• Public health strategies may come to resemble those for influenza
• Much uncertainty remains
What can residents do about COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses?

• Stay home when sick
• Stay up-to-date on vaccinations
• Keep gatherings smaller and outside or well-ventilated
• Wear masks for greater protection
• Test for COVID-19
• Have a plan to get treatment
COVID Division & Strategy Updates

Dr. Donata Nilsen
Optum Serve Testing Site Updates

- San Leandro Marina Community Center closed permanently 1.22.23
- Mobile testing buses shut down 2.5.23
- Optum Serve San Pablo Park, 2800 Street, Berkeley will close permanently 2.28.23
Community Testing Services Continue

- 10 Testing Vendors
- 22 Stationary Sites
- Hosting 61 Events per week including mobile events
- Rapid Testing, PCR testing and At Home Kit distribution + COVID Care information
- Co-location of services, resources with vaccination and basic needs whenever possible
- LaClinica and La Familia currently still supporting access to treatment
- Target populations: uninsured/underinsured, communities most impacted by COVID/racial/health disparities
- Testing website provides up to date test site information: https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing
Right Sizing Our COVID Response Work

• State ending emergency declaration February 28, 2023

• Shift from a purely response driven approach to a prevention approach

• Focus testing on un/underinsured; increase outreach, education, access to care

• Update data management strategy for long term sustainability

• Changes in Recommendations/Guidance
  - OSHA no longer requiring reporting of cases to LHJs
  - Lifting testing requirement of unvaccinated
  - Loosening restrictions on visitation
  - Lifting vaccination requirement of Health Care Personnel
Public Health COVID Services

- Reduced Ongoing Services
  - Focus on Infection Prevention & Outbreak Guidance
  - Supporting LTCFs and other vulnerable congregate settings
  - Treatment Education and Outreach will shift to provider education
  - Community Vaccinations, PopUps, In Home Vaccinations
  - Community Testing with increased Outreach and Education
- Coordination with Community Partners
- Community Support /Referrals will transition into PH Nursing
- Dashboards, Data Management streamlined based on
- Therapeutics Coordination
4. Medi-Cal Redetermination

Juan Ventanilla, Social Services Agency
5. Close Out
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 3/14/23
https://covid-19.acgov.org/community-advisory-group

Public Health Commission
2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM; next on 3/16/23
acphc.wordpress.com

Health Care Services Agency (HCSA)
COVID-19 Updates
Includes presentations & newsletters
Access to COVID Therapeutics (Treatment)
Acceso a la terapéutica COVID (Tratamiento)

TESTED POSITIVE? NEED TREATMENT? NO DOCTOR?
¿HA DADO POSITIVO? ¿NECESITA TRATAMIENTO? ¿NO HAY MÉDICO?

Sesame Care: 833-686-5051 | https://sesamecare.com/covidca

- California COVID Telemedicine Line for FREE virtual health screenings and FREE prescriptions (Paxlovid or molnupiravir) / Línea de telemedicina COVID de California para realizar exámenes de salud virtuales y prescripciones GRATUITAS (Paxlovid o molnupiravir)
- Appointments in English & Spanish, interpretation line for other languages / Citas en inglés y español, línea de interpretación para otros idiomas

HAVING TROUBLE OR HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?
¿TIENE PROBLEMAS O TIENE OTRAS PREGUNTAS?

ACPHD COVID Community Support: 510-268-2101 | ncov@acgov.org