



COVID-19 weekly updates: June 22-26, 2020

On June 24th EBGZ signed onto a [letter](#) asking the State of California to declare racism a public health crisis and direct resources to equity-centered policies and practices. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic, police brutality cases and economic crisis highlight the increasing disparities that communities of color face.

We have passed the 100-day mark since the sheltering in place order was issued in March. COVID cases have increased in the past week by 49% in Alameda County and by 72% in Contra Costa County, including a large outbreak at a skilled nursing facility in Concord. There is also a large outbreak at San Quentin state prison. California state had a record high of 7,149 new cases on Tuesday, June 23 with marked increases across the state which outpace the increased rates of testing.

Other top updates for this week:

- **Covered CA** has extended its special enrollment period through July 31.
- **DACA is upheld:** On Thursday, June 18, the US Supreme Court blocked the White House's plan to dismantle DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and protected 700,000 DREAMers from deportation.



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- **All Californians are now required to wear masks or cloth face coverings.** As a reminder, in Alameda County, face coverings are required anytime within 30 feet of others outside your home, including when outdoors. Universal face coverings have been shown to be effective in significantly reducing transmissions.
- **Global Village at AIDS 2020 Virtual.** The Global Village is free and open to the public and does not require conference registration. The Global Village is free and open to the public and does not require conference registration. Please join us each day for a live chat between 1-2pm PST at our booth July 6-10. We'll send

more info on how to join us for free when we learn more.

- The National AETC has posted many free updated HIV, PrEP and COVID trainings and on-demand webinars online. The WHO also has online trainings on pandemic response.
- [Click here for Alameda County](#) and [Contra Costa County](#) testing sites.

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Progress on the Bay Area COVID-19 Indicators









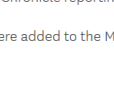
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In Alameda County, the rate of new cases has increased over the past week while hospitalizations have remained flat. This indicator remains a three. Testing has made great progress and is now around 2,500 tests conducted per day, which is 80% to our goal of 3,100 tests per day. This indicator has been upgraded to a four. The other three indicators on hospital capacity, disease containment and personal protective equipment (PPE) remain at the same indicator status levels this week.

San Francisco Chronicle's COVID-19 Indicator Checklist (updated weekly):

Cases and deaths by Bay Area county

A county-by-county look at how the spread of the virus seems to have slowed. The new case curve represents the 7-day moving average which accounts for variances in daily reporting. The change in new cases compares the number of cases in the past seven days to the previous seven days.

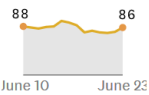
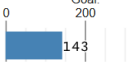
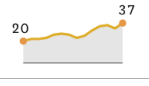

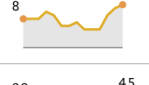

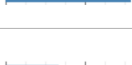
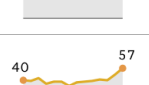
County	Total deaths	Total cases	New cases curve	Weekly change in new cases
Alameda	122	5,275		▲ 252 +49%
Santa Clara	154	3,832		▲ 236 +100%
San Francisco	48	3,249		▼ 18 -10%
San Mateo	104	2,961		▲ 95 +50%
Contra Costa	67	2,523		▲ 179 +72%
Marin	18	1,349		▲ 425 +280%
Solano	23	1,020		▲ 256 +332%
Sonoma	5	956		▲ 79 +77%
Napa	4	245		▲ 4 +10%

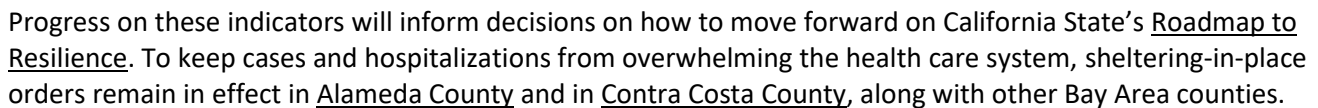
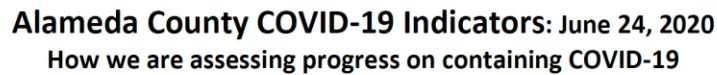
Sources: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health and county public health departments, exclusive Chronicle reporting

Note: 159 reported cases at San Quentin state prison were added to the Marin County total on June 20

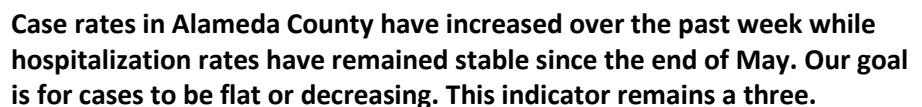
Checklist: How Bay Area counties are measuring progress

This chart will be updated weekly with information reported by the county officials. Last updated June 19, 2020 10:30 a.m.

County	Cases	Hospitals			Testing	Tracing		PPE
	Flat or decreasing	Counts flat or decreasing	Capacity below 50%	Hospitalizations over past two weeks	Tests per 100k people per day	Goal	Current staff	30-day supply
Alameda	✗	✓	✓			✗	90	✓
Contra Costa	✗	✓	✓			✗	50	✓
Marin	✗	✓	✓			✗	41	✓
San Francisco	✓	✓	✓			✗	276	✓
San Mateo	✓	✓	✓			✗	30	✓* 14-day supply
Santa Clara	✗	✓	✓			✗	287	✗



Sheltering, distancing and flattening the curve



- As of June 24, there were 5,275 reported cases of COVID-19 and 122 deaths. This represents 7.4 deaths per 100,000 people, compared to 14.5 deaths per 100,000 people in California State overall.
- As of June 23, there were 86 hospitalized patients (the highest was 105 on 5/30), including 33 ICU patients (the highest was 46 on 4/11) with confirmed COVID.

We continue to keep a close eye on new cases and hospitalizations.

Updated modeling studies from Johns Hopkins University which take

reopening into account show that a fast-paced reopening that increases contacts by about 20% every 2 weeks starting in May would exceed our hospital bed capacity by late-July and lead to over 5,000 people hospitalized on a given day in August. A slower-paced reopening that increases contacts by about 20% every 6 weeks would

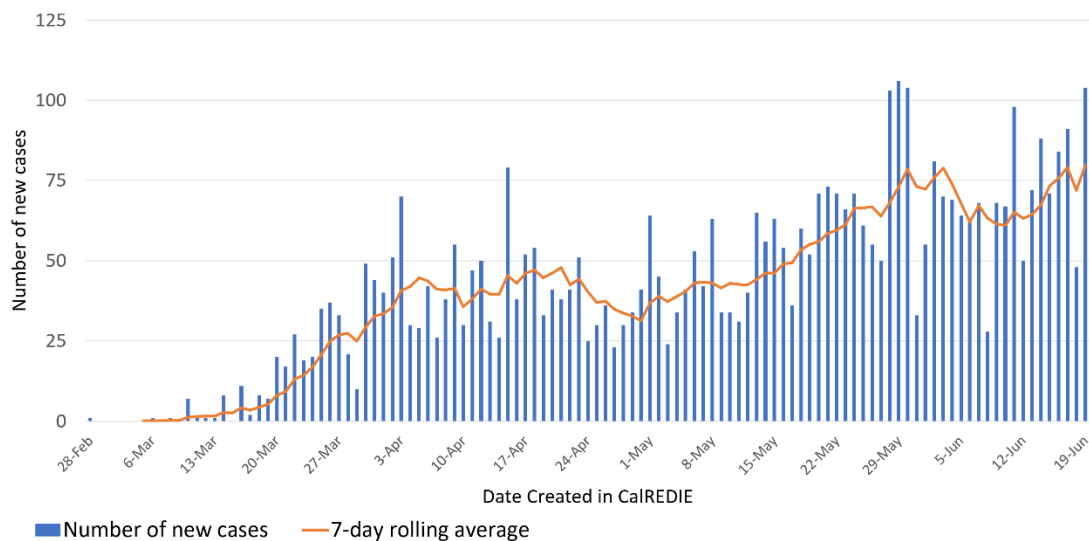
reach our hospital bed capacity by late August and would peak at around 3,500 people hospitalized on a given day in September.

Keeping contacts as low as possible remains a crucial part of pandemic control. Effective use of preventive measures such as universal face covering and distancing, testing and isolation can significantly reduce hospitalization rates. Your support with these efforts is critical for our community health and safety.



For help with enforcement of workplace safety protocols, please email: COVID19compliance@acgov.org

New Alameda County COVID-19 Cases, 2020



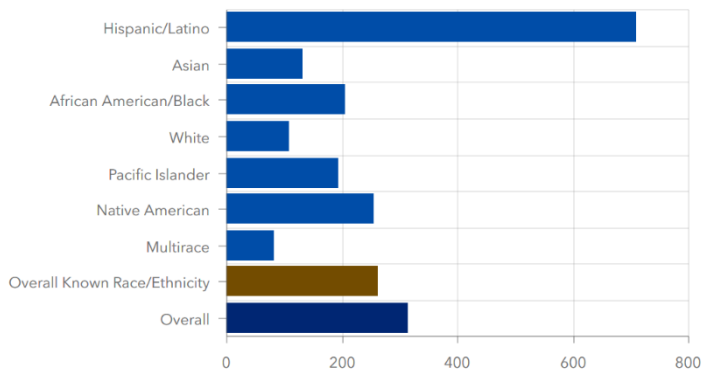
Disparities and Equity

Racial disparities continue to increase. Updated race and ethnicity data for Alameda County as of June 24th show that:

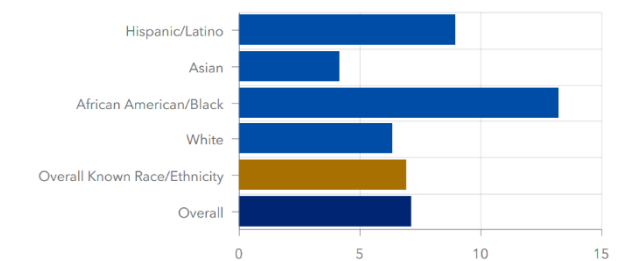
- Latinx people now have 6.6 times the rate of COVID-19 diagnoses and 1.5 times the death rate of Whites.
- Black/African American people have almost twice the case rate and 2.1 times the death rate of Whites.
- All people of color groups except for those identified as multirace have case rates higher than Whites.
- Race and ethnicity data are known for about 84% of cases and 99% of deaths.

These data continue show the urgent need to address racial inequities in workplace safety, education and access to precautions, rapid access to testing, safe isolation, quarantine and medical care.

Alameda County Total Case Rates per 100,000 Population by Race/Ethnicity



Alameda County Total Death Rate per 100,000 by Race/Ethnicity



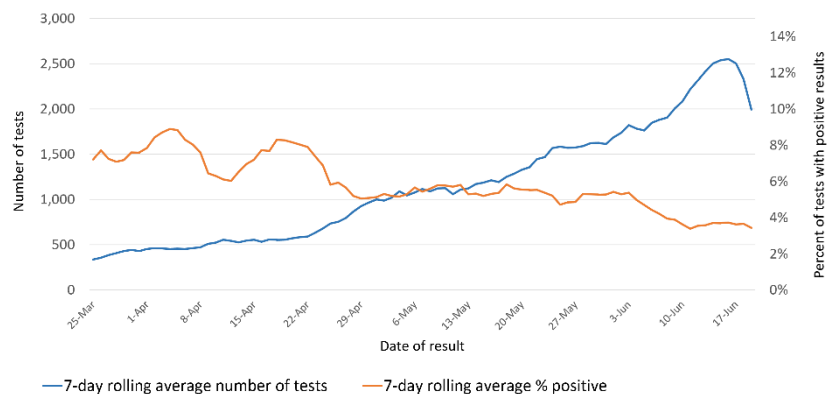
The proper comparison for each race/ethnicity is to Overall Known Race/Ethnicity. Each of the other race/ethnic groups have counts less than ten and are suppressed.

Testing

Alameda County is conducting about 2,500 COVID-19 tests per day, which is 80% of our goal of conducting 3,100 tests per day. The positivity rate has remained low at less than 4% overall, but much higher positivity rates persist in disproportionately impacted communities. This indicator has been upgraded to a four.

[Updated Alameda County guidance and FAQs for testing in Skilled Nursing Facilities](#) is now available. This includes guidance for all staff and residents who frequently leave the facility to get tested at least monthly.

Alameda County COVID-19 Testing



Alameda County
Health Care Services Agency



Alameda County Public Health Department
Celebrating Healthy People in Healthy Communities

As reminder, the [Alameda County COVID-19 Testing Vendor Pool RFQ](#) (Request for Qualification) has been released and is an opportunity for clinics, hospitals and organizations to provide COVID testing as part of the

Alameda County response to the pandemic. \$20 million has been allocated for this effort, and the goal is to get the testing services funded and set up quickly.

Download testing locations from the [COVID-19 testing webpage](#) and searchable in this [interactive map of COVID-19 services](#) (click to filter for COVID-19 testing). Eight sites offer free tests for any community member with symptoms and all essential workers regardless of symptoms as per [Alameda County COVID-19 testing guidance](#). Staff in skilled nursing facilities are recommended to get tested at least monthly.

Providers are reminded to submit complete contact information for positive case reports and distribute [isolation orders](#) for all people getting tested.

If your facility needs COVID-related supplies, please complete these forms to [request PPE](#) and [request testing supplies](#).

Contra Costa County COVID testing sites that offer free COVID-19 testing for any person living in the county regardless of documents and insurance status.



Case and contact investigations, isolation and quarantine

New metrics for case and contact investigations are in development. Over 10,000 people have been reached since the beginning of the outbreak in Alameda County. The number of contact tracers has increased from 70 to 90 over the past month, and we continue to add staff. This indicator remains a three.

A new contact tracing Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released shortly for community providers and organizations to provide contact tracing services.

Challenges we face with case investigation and contact tracing include a transition to new data systems, incomplete address or phone information, and people not wanting to engage because they don't trust or understand the process. We ask that everyone let community members know that if they receive a call from the Health Department, they should pick up the phone. We keep everything confidential and offer resources as needed.

The definition for close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection has been changed from being within 6 feet of the individual for at least 10 minutes to being within 6 feet of the individual for at least 15 minutes. This change is reflected in updated the [Isolation and Quarantine Packets](#) (available in 7 languages) that all providers MUST disseminate to all patients being tested or who are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19 without testing BEFORE they leave the health care facility.

Providers are encouraged to refer people living in crowded conditions or experiencing homelessness who need isolation housing to **[Project Roomkey hotels](#)**. There are currently five hotels and 100 trailer sites open, which includes beds for people needing isolation housing and people experiencing homelessness at high risk for severe COVID-19.

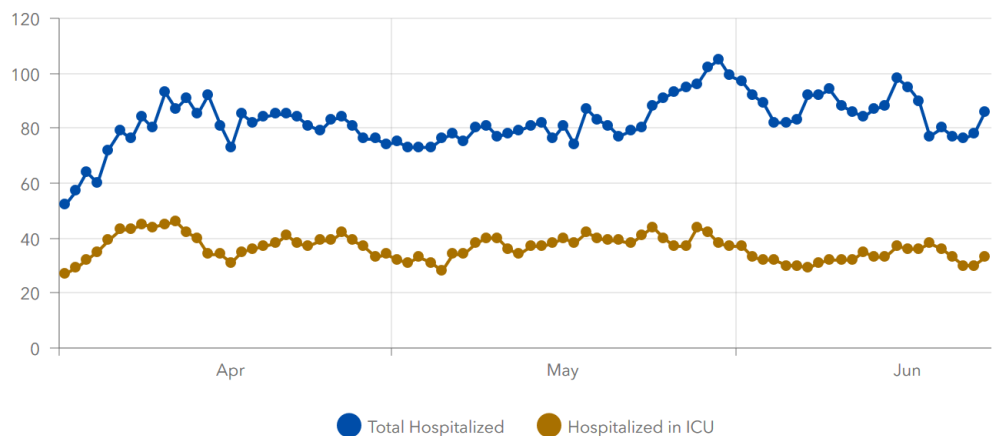
Hospital capacity and surge planning

As of June 23rd our hospital capacity indicators are:

- 3.7% of the patients in hospital beds across Alameda County were confirmed COVID-19 positive, which is within our goal of 50% of less. This indicator remains a five out of five.
- 8% of the patients in ICU beds were confirmed COVID-19 positive.
- Not all health care providers have 30-day supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) and are still requesting assistance for PPE procurement from the county, though there are no general shortages of PPE at this time. Our goal is for 30-day supplies of PPE to be maintained without county assistance. This indicator remains a three.

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Alameda County Total COVID-19 Hospitalizations



Top links:

- **HIV:** [FAQs for people living with HIV \(PLWH\)](#) and [Preguntas Frecuentes in Spanish](#), [Guidance for PLWH \(CDC\)](#), [Guidance for HIV providers](#)
- **HIV services during COVID-19:** [Click here for Contra Costa HIV services](#) and [see our online directory for Alameda County HIV services](#).
- **Key Communities:** [Harm Reduction Coalition](#), [Immigrants Rising](#), [Protecting Immigrant Families: Public Charge](#), [Healthcare for the Homeless](#)
- **COVID Testing, Food, Shelters:** [Alameda County COVID testing and services](#) and [isolation housing](#), [Contra Costa County COVID testing](#)
- **COVID PPE, staffing or testing supplies:** [Alameda County EMS– request PPE](#), [request staffing](#) or [request testing supplies](#).
- **Public Health Department Updates:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#)
- **COVID Data:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#), [California \(SF Chronicle\)](#), [National/Global \(JHU\)](#)
- **DIY Face Coverings and Masks:** [CDC \(easy no-sew\)](#), [Maker Mask \(sewn, science-based\)](#), [Olson Mask \(sewn\)](#)