



COVID-19 weekly updates: May 25-29, 2020

Key updates for this week:

COVID-19 cases in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties have increased by 23-31% in the past week!

Please continue to support our community to safely stay home. Universal face covering requirements will be released shortly. Please see our [new webpage on face coverings](#) for guidance and FAQs.

When we are outside our homes or personal vehicles, we can help others and ourselves by:

- [covering our face](#)
- maintaining our space: six or more feet away from each other
- *and* practicing good hand hygiene with frequent use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer or hand washing.

Contra Costa County has released their matrix of HIV services during COVID-19. [Click here to download the spreadsheet directly](#) or [click here to go to our resources page](#).

[Project Roomkey](#) isolation housing has expanded eligibility beyond people experiencing homelessness to include people living in crowded conditions.

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Download links for Alameda County community or business guidance on: [summer camps](#), [graduations](#), [vehicular gatherings](#), [construction](#), [curbside retail pickups](#), [manufacturing](#) and [warehousing](#).

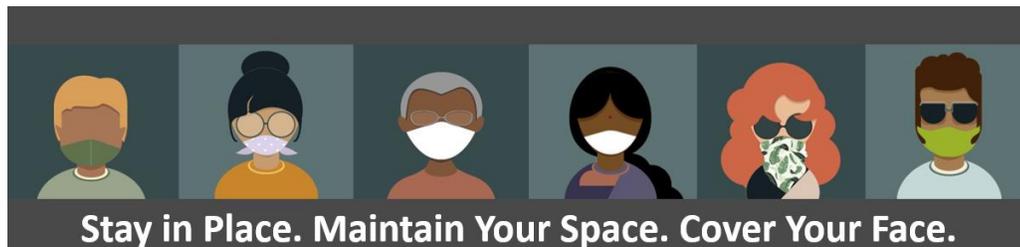
Download links for Alameda County clinical guidance on: [COVID-19 testing](#), [reporting COVID-19 cases](#), reporting pediatric [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome](#), and [resumption of non-urgent medical services](#).

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 | 93 | 3,049 | | ▲ 116 +31% |
| Santa Clara | 140 | 2,688 | | ▲ 73 +61% |
| San Francisco | 40 | 2,408 | | ▼ 61 -31% |
| San Mateo | 82 | 1,963 | | ▲ 96 +54% |
| Contra Costa | 37 | 1,375 | | ▲ 30 +23% |
| Sonoma | 4 | 524 | | ▲ 35 +45% |
| Solano | 21 | 502 | | ▲ 27 +64% |
| Marin | 14 | 430 | | ▲ 19 +29% |
| Napa | 3 | 109 | | ▲ 6 +55% |

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



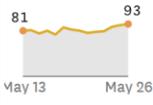
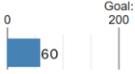
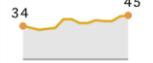
From [Solano County Public Health](#)

Progress on the Bay Area COVID-19 Indicators

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

Checklist: How Bay Area counties are measuring progress

This chart will be updated weekly with information reported by the county officials. Last updated May 22, 2020 3:30 p.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 | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 75 | ✗ |
| Contra Costa | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 60 | ✗ |
| Marin | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 30 | ✓ |
| San Francisco | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 276 | ✓ |
| San Mateo | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 30 | ✗ |
| Santa Clara | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | ✗ | 50 | ✗ |

Sources: California Department of Public Health, county public health departments, exclusive Chronicle reporting



Alameda County COVID-19 Indicators: How we are assessing progress on containing COVID-19



CASES

Goal: Cases are flat or decreasing.

As of 5/27/20: a 27% increase in cases and increase in hospitalizations

Cumulative: 3,049 cases and 93 deaths. Universal face coverings, distancing, testing and isolation are critical.



HOSPITAL BEDS

Goal: Fewer than 50% of hospitalized patients test positive for COVID.

As of 5/26/20: 4% hospitalized patients are positive for COVID.

93 hospitalized patients have confirmed COVID-19 (37 in the ICU).



TESTING

Goal: Capacity to conduct 3,100 tests per day.

As of 5/27/20: 1,200 tests conducted per day.

Partnerships with community clinics and organizations will include testing for all.



CASE INVESTIGATIONS

Goal: Capacity to reach 90% of cases and contacts and safely isolate or quarantine 90%.

As of 5/27/20: We are meeting the 90% goals.

Expansion to 100 tracers in June and to 300 in September.



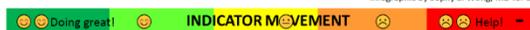
PPE

Goal: We have at least 30-day supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) without help from the county.

As of 5/27/20: we still require help from the county.

The PPE supply chain is still unstable.

Infographic by Sophy S. Wong, MD for EBGTZ; icons made by Icons8.com and FlatIcon.com



Progress on these indicators will inform decisions on how to move forward on California State's Roadmap to Resilience.

To keep cases and hospitalizations from overwhelming the health care system, sheltering-in-place orders remain in effect through May 31 in Alameda County and in Contra Costa County, along with 5 other Bay Area counties. Solano County has also extended the shelter-at-home order until further notice while allowing some low-risk businesses to reopen. The plan is to phase in more activities incrementally, moving at a slower pace than the state.

Updates for Alameda County in the main COVID strategy areas:

Sheltering, distancing and flattening the curve



The rates of new cases and hospitalizations have increased over the past 2 weeks. There is a 27% increase in new cases in the past week compared to the week before. We have downgraded our progress on this indicator from green to yellow.

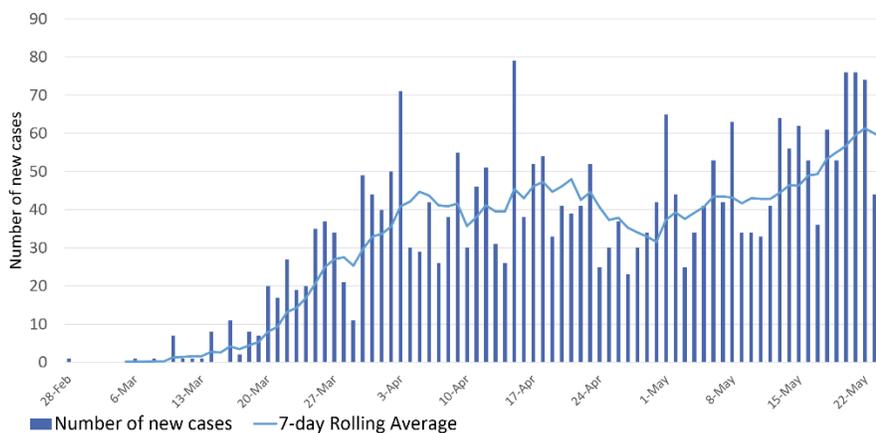
- As of May 27, there were 3,049 reported cases of COVID-19 and 93 deaths. This represents 5.7 deaths per 100,000 people, compared to 9.8 deaths per 100,000 people in California State overall.
- As of May 26, there were 93 hospitalized patients (matching the prior high of 93 on April 10), including 37 ICU patients (the highest was 46 in early April) with confirmed COVID.

Alameda County has transitioned into early Stage 2 on the California State's Roadmap to Resilience, allowing for some outdoor activities, construction, summer camps for children of essential workers, vehicular gatherings, non-urgent health services, curbside retail pickups, manufacturing and warehousing with face covering, hand hygiene and distancing modifications.

We are seeing increases in cases following the resumption of these activities 10 to 21 days ago. It is hard to predict what will happen going forward, and it will depend on how widely we test and isolate and how we implement face covering and distancing modifications in work, social and public spaces.

For help with enforcement or report violations of the shelter-in-place or workplace safety orders in Alameda County, please email: COVID19compliance@acgov.org

New Alameda County COVID Cases, 2020



Source: CalREDIE Data Distribution Portal download May 25, 2020 9:00 am; includes CalREDIE entries through May 24, 2020.

Testing and screening

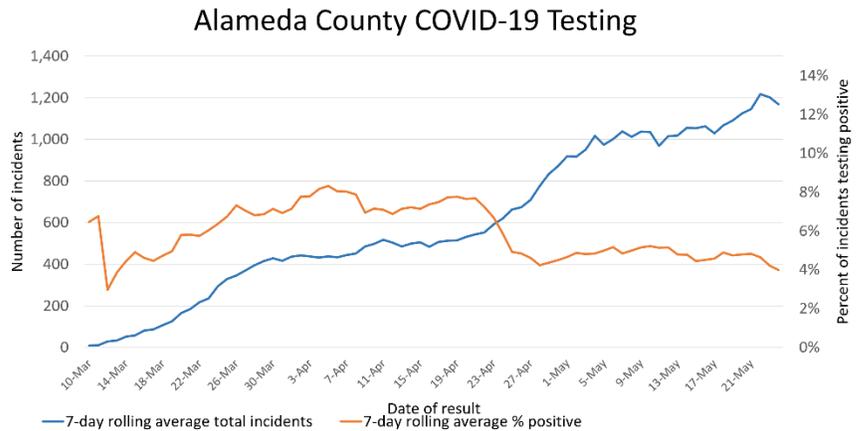
We are currently conducting about 1,200 COVID-19 tests per day and have a 4% positivity rate, with steady progress toward our goal of conducting 3,100 tests per day. This indicator remains orange.

The community testing site at West Oakland Health Council will open on June 1. Several other testing sites, including those at Allen Temple and Roots Community Health Center will test any community member with symptoms and all essential workers regardless of symptoms without cost and regardless of insurance status.

Testing locations can be downloaded from the [COVID-19 testing webpage](#) in 8 languages and searchable in this [interactive map of COVID-19 services](#) (click to filter for COVID-19 testing). Download [testing guidance here](#).

On May 20, the Alameda County Public Health Department's Health Equity Task Force released a [COVID-19 equity brief and infographic](#).

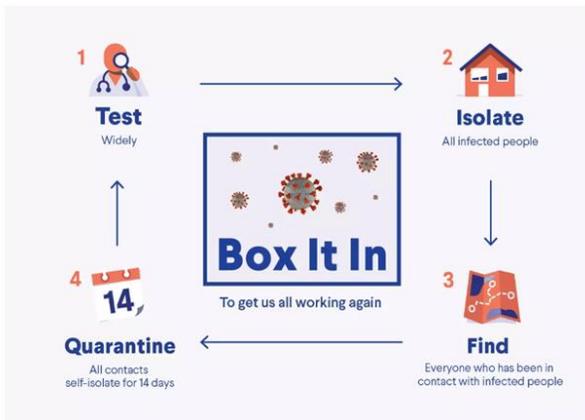
Click here for information on [Contra Costa County COVID testing sites](#) that offer free COVID-19 testing for any person living in the county regardless of documents and insurance status.



Sources: 1) CalREDIE Data Distribution Portal download May 25, 2020 9:00 am; includes CalREDIE entries through May 24, 2020. 2) Avellino non-positive results through May 16, 2020 from Avellino spreadsheets; subsequent Avellino non-positive results from CalREDIE.



Case and contact investigations, isolation and quarantine



We are meeting our goals to reach at least 90% of cases and contacts, and support 90% of those reached to isolate or quarantine safely. We are working hard to prevent and contain outbreaks in long-term care facilities (nursing homes) and shelters. This indicator remains yellow.

Alameda County Public Health Department is moving into the next phase of developing a team-based, scalable model of contact tracers who will provide health and social support for people who need to isolate and quarantine.

- 300 additional contact tracers will be needed, trained and ready for at least 2 years.

- There will be a combination of county teams, community-based teams staffed by CBOs and clinic partners, and specialized teams for specific high-risk populations such as people experiencing homelessness, living in congregate settings and jails.
- Teams will consist of a team lead, clinician, case manager, investigators/tracers, and a health equity lead.
- Expansion from 70 to 100 contact tracing staff with the new structure will begin in June with a goal to increase to 300 contact tracing staff in up to 40 teams in September 2020.
- Volunteers from the community will be considered after this initial expansion.

Project Roomkey isolation housing continues to expand and recently admitted large groups of people from two shelters and a substance use facility experiencing outbreaks. Referrals are available for:

- People experiencing homelessness who need COVID-19 isolation or quarantine and
- People who are not homeless who have tested positive for COVID-19 and live in a congregate living facility (such as group homes) or live in a room with 3 to 4 or more people over age 12.

Providers are reminded to report COVID-19 cases in these high-risk settings such as health care facilities, long-term care and skilled nursing facilities, jails, shelters, encampments and other congregate settings within an hour of receiving the positive result.

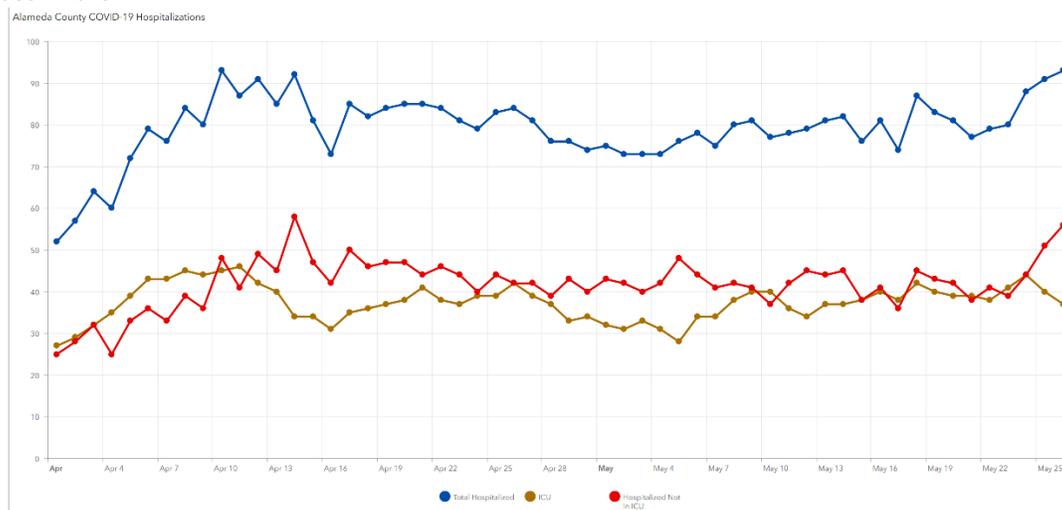
Hospital capacity and surge planning

As of May 26, our hospital capacity indicators are:

- 4% of the patients in hospital beds across Alameda County were confirmed COVID-19 positive, which is within our goal of 50% of less. 11% of the patients in ICU beds were confirmed COVID-19 positive. This indicator remains green.
- Most hospitals have sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) but still requesting assistance from the county, which means we have more work to do to reach our goal of having at least a 30-day supply of PPE without assistance from the county. This indicator remains orange.

If your organization is in Alameda County and needs COVID-related supplies or staffing, please go to the Emergency Medical Services website to request PPE, request staffing and request testing supplies.

Alameda County COVID-19 hospitalizations: total in blue, hospitalized and not in ICU in red, and ICU cases in brown



Top new resources:

- **Contra Costa County has released their matrix of HIV services during COVID-19.** [Click here to download the spreadsheet directly](#) or [here to go to our resources page](#).
- The **Treatment Action Group** has released a **dedicated collaborative COVID-19 resource hub** with a [COVID-19 Myth Busters](#) page.
- **Undocumented immigrants in California can apply for \$500-1,000 one-time relief payments from CA State on a first-come, first-served basis.** Applicants must be at least 18 years old, ineligible for federal COVID-19 relief, and have experienced hardship due to the virus. The hotline for residents in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties is through Catholic Charities: **1-866-490-3899**. En el condado de Alameda puedes solicitar la ayuda llamando al telefono de: Caridades Catolicas 1-866-490-3899. More info can be downloaded in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) and in many other languages on the [CA State's website](#).

Top links:

- **HIV:** [FAQs for people living with HIV \(PLWH\)](#) and [Preguntas Frecuentes in Spanish](#), [Guidance for PLWH \(CDC\)](#), [Guidance for HIV providers](#)
- **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](#), [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 \(sewn\)](#)