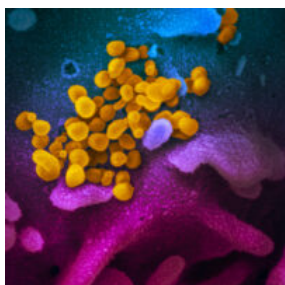


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COVID-19 AND HIV UPDATES

MAY 19, 2021

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The SARS-CoV-2 virus
(NIAID)

Below are this week's East Bay COVID-19 and HIV updates. This page is usually updated on Wednesday evenings with data and resources gathered from many collaborators in [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), CA state. Please [click here](#) to share feedback.

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MAY 19

NATIONAL ASIAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY



May 19th is National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and we want to bring attention to the HIV-related stigma impacting the API community. Actions to support this effort include [learning more](#) about how HIV impacts diverse API communities and supporting universal HIV testing and PrEP access.

Join us on Friday, May 21 at the East Bay HIV Prevention Network Meeting: Friday, May 21st, 11-12:30pm



40 YEARS OF PROGRESS
It's time to end the HIV epidemic. National Webinar.
A group of four diverse people standing together.

On June 5th, the world will mark the 40th anniversary of the first official CDC reporting of five cases of what later became known as AIDS. In the United States, June 5th is also observed as HIV Long-Term Survivors Day. On this day, we will remember those whom we've lost and honor the leadership of people living with HIV.

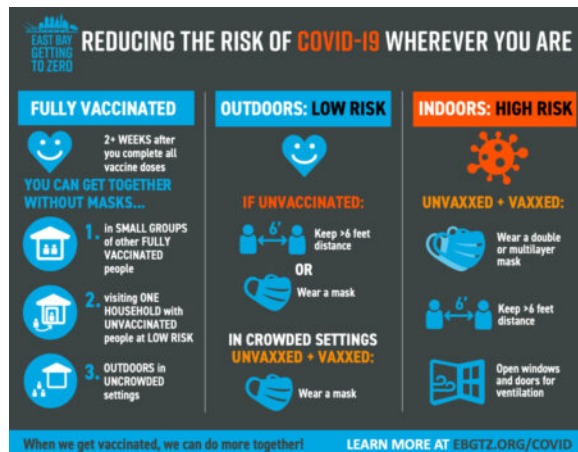
In commemoration of the 40th anniversary, the HHS Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) will discuss how to leverage best practices, innovations, and health equity to end the U.S. HIV epidemic: June 1, 2021 from 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. PT. You can [register here](#).

In case you missed our **workshop on collaborations** on April 29, you can see an overview of the workshop and handout posted [online here](#).

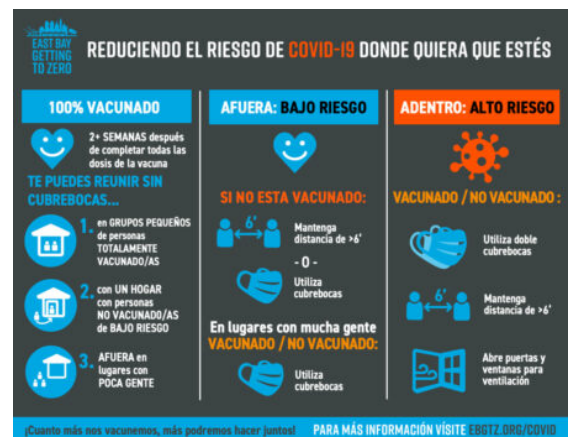


EAST BAY COVID-19 UPDATES

Our COVID-19 harm reduction infographics in English and Spanish have been updated to include guidance for fully vaccinated people! Please [click here](#) to download, share and print the graphics in English and in Spanish.



The graphics integrate updated CDC and California guidance. California will wait until June 15th to align with the CDC's new masking guidance



around allowing fully vaccinated people to not wear masks in most settings, including indoors.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, CA health and human services secretary, [stated](#) that CA will give more time for Californians to complete vaccinations and to figure out how to verify vaccination status in public spaces. The current California masking guidance is pictured our updated infographic.

Everyone ages 12 and over in the US is eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of insurance and immigration status. Vaccine supply in the East Bay is now plentiful for the three authorized vaccines: [Pfizer](#), [Moderna](#) and [Johnson & Johnson](#). Appointments and walk-ups are available the same day at [MyTurn.ca.gov](#), including the [Pfizer](#) vaccine for 12-17-year-olds.

[Click here](#) for more on vaccine eligibility and how to get one.

Pfizer plans to submit authorization requests for children ages 2-11 in September. Moderna has been studying its vaccine in children ages 6 months to 18 years and is also expected to release some results soon. The [Johnson & Johnson \(J&J\)](#) vaccine is available again after a pause, with a warning for women younger than 50 years old on the small risk for a rare blood clot syndrome ([more details below](#)).

From May 24 to July 4, **Uber and Lyft will provide free rides to and from vaccination**



sites. Lyft will offer “ride codes” of up to \$15 for each trip to and from the vaccination site.

La Clínica has new videos on COVID vaccines in [Mayan Mam](#) and in [Spanish](#).

The East Bay’s [Alameda](#) and [Contra Costa](#) counties have given at least one vaccine dose over 75% of residents 16+ and have fully vaccinated over 57%. Alameda County has vaccinated over 1 million people. Vaccine data dashboards are now shifting to include people ages 12+. Vaccination rates have slowed after a peak in mid-April. [President Biden](#) aims to have 70% of adults in the US get at least one dose by July 4. While many Bay Area counties have already reached that goal overall, vaccination rates are uneven across communities and counties. **[Solano County’s first-dose vaccination rate is at 61%.](#)**

To get everyone else eligible vaccinated, we are ramping up the ground game and shifting from mass vaccination sites to smaller community-based sites, schools, health care clinics and mobile vans set up for “radical convenience.” The Oakland Coliseum has given over 500,000 vaccine doses and [will close on May 23](#). **Let’s get out the vax!**

COVID-19 daily cases and hospitalizations in the Bay Area have decreased to low rates, thanks to people [getting vaccinated](#) and [masking](#). The spring wave in other parts of the US continues to subside. Alameda County has reported outbreak clusters involving unvaccinated young adults and teens. [Nationwide children represented 22%](#) of the new COVID cases during the last week of April, with outbreaks seen mostly in indoor sports activities. Hopefully having the vaccine widely available kids as young as 12 years old will help reduce these types of outbreaks.

Worldwide there continue to be devastating outbreaks in India and parts of South America. [New data reported](#) on the B1617 “Indian variant” suggest that the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) and Covishield (AstraZeneca) vaccines should still protect against serious illness. There is growing discussion among public health experts that we may not reach herd immunity due to the constant rise of new variants and the slow pace of vaccinations worldwide. A more realistic aim will be protecting the most vulnerable and making COVID-19 a more manageable infection.

On May 17, President Biden [announced](#) a plan to ship 80 million surplus COVID vaccine doses abroad, including 60 million AstraZeneca vaccines and 20 million Moderna, Pfizer and J&J vaccines. Distribution will be through the WHO’s [COVAX](#) program to ensure more equitable process. He also [announced](#) support for the World Trade Organizations’ proposed waiver of patent protections to make COVID-19 vaccines more available worldwide. We are at a critical point in the pandemic where we need to help each other to win the race between vaccines and variants.

California state still aims to reopen on June 15 with some precautions in place, such as masking for unvaccinated people and in certain high-risk indoor settings, and [move beyond the Blueprint tier system](#) if we have enough vaccines and keep hospitalizations low.

On May 19, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties remain in the [orange “moderate risk” tier](#) of **California’s reopening Blueprint framework**, while Solano County remains in the red “substantial risk” tier. In the orange tier, additional indoor capacity and activities are allowed, including restaurants, bars and other riskier settings. Estimated [transmission rates](#) in the Bay Area have been below 1 since mid-April, and are [0.81 across California](#) as of May 17. [Click here to see what’s open](#) and [click here to download updated CA in-person activity guidance](#).

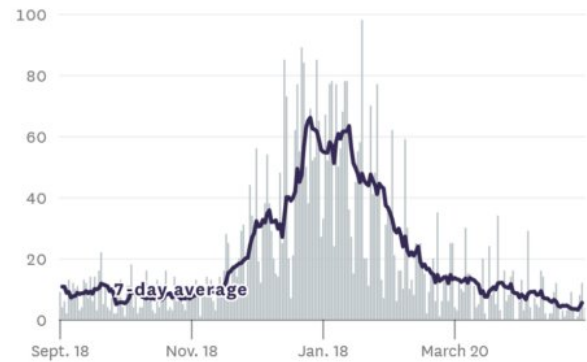
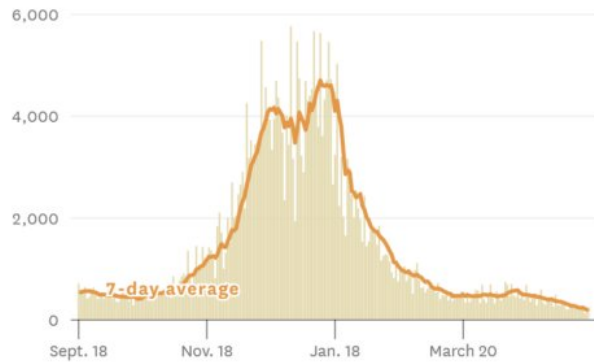
As of May 19:

- **Alameda County: orange tier** week 8
 - 0.76 transmission rate
 - 75% residents ages 16+ have received at least once vaccine dose (partially vaccinated), 58% fully vaccinated
 - Links to county vaccine updates and what’s open
- **Contra Costa County: orange tier** week 7
 - 0.83 transmission rate
 - 71% of residents ages 12+ partially vaccinated, 61% ages 12+ fully vaccinated



- Links to county vaccine updates and what's open
- **Solano County: red tier week 11**
 - 0.79 transmission rate
 - 61% of residents 16+ partially vaccinated, 45% fully vaccinated
 - Links to county vaccine updates and what's open

New reported cases and deaths in the Bay Area, by day



SF Chronicle, 5/19/21: COVID-19 daily cases and deaths in the Bay Area.

There will be a **COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall on May 23rd 1:00-2:30 pm (PDT)** with the young Black Woman scientist behind the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett. The purpose of the Town Hall is to inform and encourage communities of color to get vaccinated for our health and safety. [Click here to register.](#)

NEW VACCINE STUDIES, VARIANTS AND "BREAKTHROUGH" INFECTIONS

Increasing real-world data shows that COVID vaccines are safe and highly effective in preventing both asymptomatic and symptomatic infection.

A pre-print UK study shows a 40-50% reduction in forward transmission in household contacts of "breakthrough" cases among people who received their **first dose** of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccines.

Updated CDC data shows that a single dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) was 82% effective against symptomatic COVID-19, and 2 doses were 94% effective. Fully vaccinated high-risk frontline workers who were tested weekly **were 90% less likely** to get any infection, including asymptomatic infections.

The Oakland East Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Presents...

VIRTUAL COVID-19 VACCINE TOWNHALL

Sunday, May 23, 2021
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (PST)

FEATURING DR. KIZZMEKIA CORBETT
 Kizzmekia S. Corbett, Ph.D. is a post-doctoral Research Fellow at NIAID's Vaccine Research Center (VRC) where she serves as the team lead for coronavirus research. She conducts basic and preclinical research and worked on pre-clinical development of the mRNA-1273 vaccine against COVID-19. A viral immunologist by training, Dr. Corbett's research investigates the mechanisms of viral pathogenesis and host immunity as they pertain to vaccine development. In addition to basic and preclinical research, Dr. Corbett invests much of her time bringing STEM awareness to youth in local communities through mentorship and volunteering.

MODERATED BY DR. NATALIE WILSON
 Dr. Natalie Wilson is Assistant Professor at UCSF School of Nursing. Dr. Wilson has a clinical background as a Nurse Practitioner with over 25 years of expertise in HIV specialty and primary care. She has experience working with populations and managing clinics with limited resources. She is currently working on innovative ways to decrease health disparities in the black community around infectious diseases such as HIV and COVID-19. Her research platform is focused on inflammatory-based symptoms and immune activation from alterations in the gut microbiome by HIV infection.

Register Now!
<https://www.oebadst.org/>

Vaccine Effectiveness Update: Real-world data show mRNA vaccines are highly effective at preventing COVID-19 among health care personnel*

94% effective at preventing

The CDC has reported data showing that the **Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines were found to be 94% effective at preventing hospitalization in fully vaccinated adults 65+** and 64% effective among partially vaccinated adults 65+ starting 2 weeks after the first dose. There was no significant protection within the first 14 days of the first dose, highlighting the importance of continuing masking, distancing and avoiding crowds at least during the 2 weeks following the first dose.



Vaccines for children: Pfizer-BioNTech submitted data showing that their **COVID-19 vaccine shows 100% efficacy in adolescents ages 12-15**. With 2,260 adolescents participating in their trial, 18 people in the placebo group developed COVID-19 while none in the vaccinated group did. Blood antibody test data also show high titers of antibody responses in those who were vaccinated. On May 10th the FDA authorized use of the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds and on May 12th, the US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds.

Moderna is expected to release data on adolescents and submit to the FDA soon. Trials for children ages 6 months to 11 years old have also begun for both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Johnson & Johnson has paused its study in adolescents, and plans for trials in children and infants.

Vaccines for pregnant and lactating people: Findings from a study of pregnant participants in the v-safe post-vaccine surveillance system revealed no clear safety issues from either the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines. 35,691 v-safe participants identified as pregnant, and 3958 participants enrolled in the v-safe pregnancy registry. Calculated proportions of pregnancy and neonatal outcomes appeared similar to incidences published in other peer reviewed literature. These findings add to data from an ongoing cohort study of pregnant and lactating people as well as studies published in *JAMA* and *Obstetrics & Gynecology* which found robust antibody titers in all groups, along with antibodies in umbilical cord blood and breast milk samples.

Variants: A UCSF study found that the B1427/9 ("West Coast") variants are about 20% more infectious than the original virus and are likely now 75-90% of cases in Northern California. Other variants of concern reported in the East Bay include the B117 ("UK"), B1351 ("South African"), P1 ("Brazilian") and B1617 ("Indian") variants. The B117 variant is now the dominant variant in other parts of the US and has been linked to outbreaks in the Midwest during youth sporting events.

Approved vaccines are still expected to be effective against serious disease from these variants. Pfizer and Moderna are developing booster shots including variants, which are expected to be available by fall 2021. It is not known yet if and when boosters will be needed. Booster vaccines may be needed periodically to sustain sufficient protection against the SARS2 virus and future variants. Remember that viruses mutate when they replicate, and we can slow the rise of COVID-19 variants through masking, distancing and vaccinations.

"Breakthrough" infections: About 0.03% of the ~13.5 million fully vaccinated people in California have had reported COVID-19 infections, or "breakthrough" infections through May 5. In Alameda County, Dr. Donata Nilsen reported that that have been 167 COVID-19 cases among vaccinated people (so-called "breakthrough" infections) with data through May 7, and about half were symptomatic. Starting in May, only symptomatic "breakthrough" cases are being reported. There have been no hospitalizations or deaths reported thus far due to COVID-19 among people who are fully vaccinated in Alameda County. As of May 7, there were 22 cases of reinfections reported among people previously infected in Alameda County. Variant sequencing data has not been reported yet. Nationwide "breakthrough" case data is available on the CDC website here.

Dr. Stephen Parodi of Kaiser Permanente reported on April 14: "We've given in Northern California over a million and half doses now. Of the people who are fully vaccinated, we've seen a total of one case get hospitalized. That's encouraging."

Health care providers are asked to report symptomatic "breakthrough" infections for people who are vaccinated or who previously had COVID-19 to the county public health departments (without a positive RNA PCR or antigen test within the previous 90 days) and send lab specimens for variant sequencing. In Alameda County, send a secure email to COVIDreport@acgov.org with subject line "suspect variant" or fax to (510) 273-3944. To submit respiratory specimens to the county lab for sequencing, call 510-382-4300, email at acphl@acgov.org, or download the submittal form from the ACPHL

website.

People needing medical care for any condition are encouraged to seek care as our clinics and hospitals remain open with strict safety protocols to take care of all people.

VACCINE ACCESS AND UPDATES

Updated May 19, 2021

Everyone ages 12 and over is eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of insurance and immigration status.

Vaccines are plentiful and widely available in the East Bay. Appointments and walk-ups are available the same day at many sites, including for the Pfizer vaccine for 12-17 year olds. **Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson** vaccines are all available. Make an appointment today at MyTurn.ca.gov or with your **medical provider**!



On May 10th the **FDA authorized use of the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds** and appointments for everyone 12+ are now available at Myturn.ca.gov. Alameda County has a **new webpage** for youth and vaccines.

HOW DO WE GET A VACCINE?

1. Check for an available appointment:

- Go to MyTurn.ca.gov to make appointments at public sites and pharmacies across California.
- Or go to your **medical provider's** website (click for: [Kaiser](#), [Sutter](#), [Stanford](#), [Children's Oakland](#)) or call them. [Click for community health center links below](#).
- Additional options:
 - Check [county vaccine sites](#): [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#)
 - Check [community pop-up sites](#)
 - Check [VaccinateCA](#), which has a nice search map
 - Check the Vaccines.gov [national vaccine finder](#) for appointments across the US
 - Text your Zip code to 438829 to get numbers and links for vaccines.

1. When you go to your vaccine appointment, bring:

- A photo ID
- Appointment confirmation (printed or on phone)
- A mask.

VACCINE PHONE LINES:

- [Alameda County](#): 510-208-4VAX or 510-208-4829 (English, Español, 中文)
- [Contra Costa County](#): 833-829-2626
- [Solano County](#): 707-784-8988
- [California state's MyTurn vaccine line](#): 833-422-4255

MORE INFO – JUMP TO:

- [Transportation resources and vaccines for home-bound people](#)
- [Links to medical providers, community pop-ups, county sites](#)
- [J&J vaccine updates and additional information on vaccines](#)
- [Vaccines for people living with HIV](#)

- What you can do when you're fully vaccinated
- Resources in multiple languages and Frequently Asked Questions
- Community spotlights: East Bay vaccine testimonials

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION OR ARE HOME-BOUND:

- Go to **MyTurn.ca.gov** and click on "yes" under "I need help with transportation" when you register.
- Click here for an overview of paratransit options in Alameda County.
- East Bay Paratransit is now offering transportation to and from vaccination sites and a briefer, streamlined eligibility process to apply for services. Click here or call 510-287-5000 for more information.
- **Home-bound people in Alameda County:** to sign up for in-home vaccination, please complete the vaccine registration form on this webpage. If you are not able to use the internet form, please call 510-208-4829. Alameda County began home vaccinations on April 26.
- **Home-bound people in Contra Costa County:** request a home vaccination from the mobile team.

VACCINES THROUGH MEDICAL PROVIDERS:

- **Kaiser members**
- **Sutter members**
- **Stanford Health members**
- **UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland members** (ages 12+)
- Many **community health centers** are providing vaccine appointments for all community members:
 - Alameda Health Systems
 - Asian Health Services
 - Axis Community Health
 - Bay Area Community Health
 - La Clínica
 - LifeLong Medical Care
 - Native American Health
 - Roots Community Health Center
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center
 - West Oakland Health

VACCINES FOR THE PUBLIC AT MASS VACCINATION SITES:

- **Oakland Coliseum:** for residents and workers in Alameda Counties until May 23. Click here for the MyTurn webpage to check appointment availability. Toll-free phone line: 833-422-4255.
 - Only drive-through appointments are available.
 - May 9 to 23, Alameda County is running the site in partnership with Carbon Health for Alameda County residents.
 - People who need their 2nd doses after May 23 will be scheduled to receive them at nearby community health centers.
- **Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton:** for Alameda County residents. Click here for appointment info.
- **The Buchanan site in Albany** is open for people living in northern Alameda County.



VACCINES THROUGH PHARMACIES:

- **CVS pharmacies**
- **Rite Aid pharmacies**
- **Walgreens pharmacies**
- **Lucky and Save Mart pharmacies**

VACCINES THROUGH COMMUNITY POP-UPS:

- **Umoja Vaccine: United in Health Oakland:** see flyer
 - Hotline: call 1-888-763-0007 and leave a phone number.
- **Fremont High School:** Appointments and drop-in available for persons ages 18 and older. Hours of operation are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8 am-4 pm. To make an appointment call (510) 208-4829.
- **City of Refuge United Church of Christ**
- **Unity Council in the Fruitvale, East Oakland**

UMOJA HEALTH
COVID-19 FREE TESTING & VACCINATION DATES
 Umoja Health efforts are focused on engaging and uplifting the Black/African American community. We are also dedicated to serving those in the zip codes hit hardest by COVID-19. Find us in your neighborhood at one of our pop-up events.

WEEKLY LOCATIONS:
Thursdays at Center of Hope
 8411 MacArthur Blvd
 10:30-2:30pm
Fridays at CHORI
 750 Aileen Street
 9:30-130p

CATCH US AT OUR NEXT POP-UP!
SATURDAY 5/15/21
 Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist
 1520 8th Avenue
 930am-4pm
SUNDAY 5/16/21
 Akoma Market
 6955 Foothill Blvd
 10am-230pm

BLACK CULTURAL ZONE

Find out about our next Pop Up testing AND Vaccine dates at www.unitedinhealthoakland.org

Es su turno
Vacuna COVID-19 Gratis
 Para Residentes del Condado de Alameda

Bienvenidos Con Cita y Sin Cita

Disponible Aquí: Vacuna Moderna para mayores de 18 años
 Para Residentes de Alameda County

Escuela Fremont High Gym

High Street & Ygnacio Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601



Horas de Operación

Jueves 8am-4pm
 Viernes 8am-4pm
 Sábado 8am-4pm

Enlace Para Hacer Cita:

bit.ly/AICoSignUp
 510-208-4VAX, 510-208-4829

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 Click to make appointment
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It's your turn
Free COVID-19 Vaccine
 For Alameda County Residents

Appointments & Drop-Ins

Available Here:

Moderna vaccine for 18 years and older
 Alameda County Residents

Fremont High School Gym

High Street & Ygnacio Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601
 (Close to Foothill Blvd. · ADA Accessible · Check Street Sweeping)



Hours of Operation

Thursday 8am-4pm
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VACCINES THROUGH COUNTY VACCINATION SITES:

- **Alameda County** COVID-19 vaccine access
 - Get an appointment: bit.ly/AICoSignUp
 - Getting a Vaccine in Alameda County flyer (5/13/2021): [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese \(Simplified\)](#) | [Vietnamese](#)
 - Vaccinations for people experiencing homelessness
 - Vaccinations for youth
 - Kaiser, Sutter, and Stanford get their own supply, so check with them separately.
- **Contra Costa County** COVID-19 vaccine access
 - Walk-in sites (no appointment required)
 - [Click here to make an appointment](#) or call 1-833-829-2626.
 - To bring equity-related concerns to Contra Costa County's attention, [click here](#).

- **Solano County vaccine access**
 - Please [click here](#) and scroll down for vaccine sites.




Vaccines are now readily available with plentiful supply with choices for the Pfizer, Moderna or J&J vaccines.

WHAT VACCINES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?

We have three authorized vaccines available: the Pfizer and Moderna two-dose vaccines and the Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) one-dose vaccine. All three authorized vaccines are highly protective, especially against severe disease, and 100% effective in clinical trials against hospitalization and death.

- **See how the authorized vaccines work:** download PDF infographics from the CDC –
 - How the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines work: in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
 - How the J&J viral vector vaccines work: in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Here is an infographic from Alameda County showing the 3 available vaccines. Clinical trials show that they are all safe and highly effective.

	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Safe and effective for ages	 16+	 18+	 18+
Protection against death & hospitalizations	100% after 2nd dose	100% after 2nd dose	100% after single dose
Effectiveness	95% effective at preventing COVID-19 illness 1 week after 2nd dose	94% effective at preventing COVID-19 illness 2 weeks after 2nd dose	77% effective at preventing severe or critical COVID-19 after 2 weeks, increasing to 85% after 4 weeks
Doses needed	2 2nd dose is 3 weeks after 1st dose	2 2nd dose is 4 weeks after 1st dose	1 2nd dose not needed
Potential side effects	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, fever	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain
Causes COVID-19 or changes genetic material	No	No	No
COVID-19 vaccine type	mRNA	mRNA	viral vector
Please Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These vaccines have NOT been compared in head-to-head studies. All three were developed and tested at different times and in different environments during the pandemic. • mRNA vaccines use harmless genetic material (mRNA) that instruct the body to generate an immune response to COVID-19. • Viral vector vaccines use a harmless modified version of a non-COVID-19 virus to generate an immune response. 			

ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY



Alameda County
Health Care Services Agency



Alameda County Public Health Department
Celebrating Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Johnson & Johnson vaccines and blood clots:

On April 23, after a 10-day pause, the CDC voted to resume vaccinations with the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine for people ages 18+ because the benefits far outweigh the risks of very rare blood clots. Meeting slides and data updates discussed at the April 23rd CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting [can be downloaded here](#). Please see the Alameda County infographic below on the relative risks.

Read CDC updated questions and answers on the J&J vaccine [here](#) and the detailed CDC process, analysis and recommendations on the J&J vaccine [here](#).

[Click here](#) for J&J updates from California state and fact sheets in multiple languages.

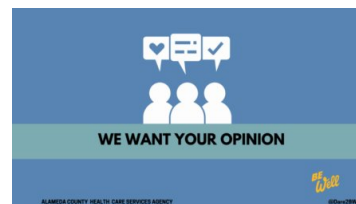
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ON THE J&J VACCINE AND CLINICAL GUIDANCE

Vaccines for ages 12-17: Currently only the [Pfizer](#) vaccine is approved for use in people ages 12-17. The Moderna

and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved in people ages 18 and over. Due to Pfizer vaccine's ultra-cold storage requirements, not all vaccination sites provide the Pfizer vaccine. In Alameda County, [Coliseum](#), [Buchanan](#), [Kaiser](#), [Sutter](#), [Stanford](#), and [Children's Hospital Oakland](#) vaccination sites offer the Pfizer vaccine for 12-17 year olds.

Pfizer plans to submit authorization requests for children ages 2-11 in September. [Moderna has been studying](#) its vaccine in children ages 6 months to 18 years and is also expected to release some results soon.

What do you think about the COVID-19 vaccine? Fill out a [brief \(8-10 minutes\) survey](#) for the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to help develop effective health promotion and education materials. The survey is for the general public and will be open through May 30. Information collected is anonymous and confidential – no identifying information will be collected. Here are links to the [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language surveys.



PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND COVID-19 VACCINES

All people living with HIV (PLWH) are recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The approved vaccines are not live vaccines and are considered safe for people living with HIV regardless of CD4 count. There is [data](#) showing that people living with HIV and CD4 counts less than 200 may have greater risk for hospitalizations and death, so consider prioritizing outreach, education and vaccinations for this potentially more-at-risk group.

The [Moderna vaccine trial](#) included 179 PLWH and the [Pfizer trial](#) included 196 PLWH. There is currently no recommendation to check antibody levels for people living with HIV after completing vaccination. While T-cell and B-cell immunity is considered critically important, this is not easily measured so we use spike antibody levels as a proxy. We don't know yet how much commercially available SARS-CoV2 antibody tests check for protective levels of spike antibodies generated by the vaccines. If spike antibodies are positive, this may be reassuring, but a negative test is more difficult to interpret (e.g. there may be some protection not measured by antibody levels). Providers and patients may discuss the risks and benefits of checking for spike IgG antibody levels two or more weeks after the second vaccine dose while we await more data. If post-vaccination antibodies are checked, be sure to order the anti-spike IgG (not anti-nucleocapsid) antibodies, such as these: [click for the Quest and LabCorp SARS-CoV2 spike antibody test codes](#).

Resources for PLWH and COVID-19 vaccines: [UNAIDS infosheet on COVID-19 vaccines and HIV](#), [Clinical FAQs with Dr. Paul Sax at Harvard and The New England Journal of Medicine](#), [Clinical FAQs for people living with HIV from HIVMA \(PDF\)](#), [Guidance for talking with patients and FAQs for PLWH from Alameda Health Systems \(PDF\)](#).

HELP THE VACCINE ROLL-OUT EFFORT!

- **Health care clinics and organizations** are encouraged to [enroll in CalVax](#) to become vaccinators.
- **To volunteer** at a county vaccination site, [please register here](#).
- **To volunteer** at a state MyTurn vaccination site, [please register here](#).

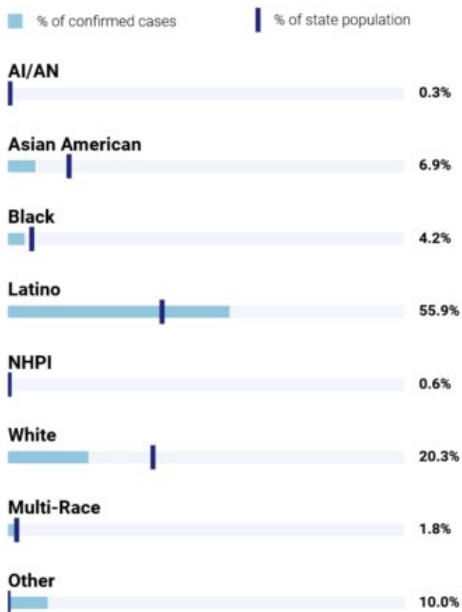
[MORE VACCINE RESOURCES](#)

DISPARITIES DATA AND STUDIES

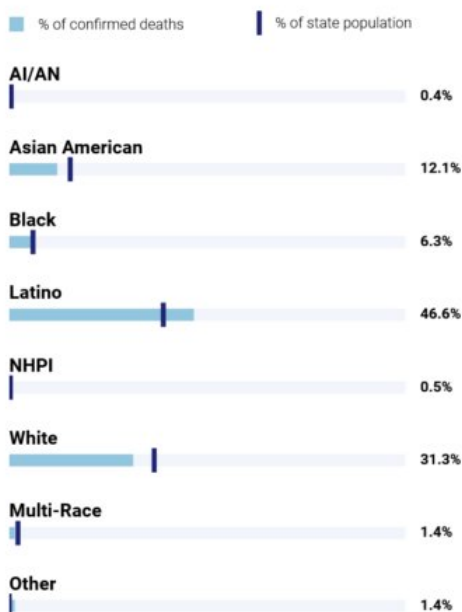
More incarcerated people have died of COVID-19 in US correctional facilities in the past year than died by capital punishment in the past 70 years, according to the U.S. Justice Department. Now, [a new study](#) shows that two-thirds of

people in California's 35 state prisons have had at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, according to the newly published report by the [Stanford-CIDE Coronavirus Modeling Team](#). That compares favorably with the 62.6% rate among the state's vaccine-eligible population and the 46.6% rate nationwide.

Confirmed cases by race and ethnicity in California



Confirmed deaths by race and ethnicity in California



Updated May 19, 2021 with data from May 18, 2021. Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. "Other" race and ethnicity means those who do not fall under any listed race or ethnicity.

[CDPH CA State COVID-19 dashboard](#) 5/19/21: Latinx and Black/African American Californians continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

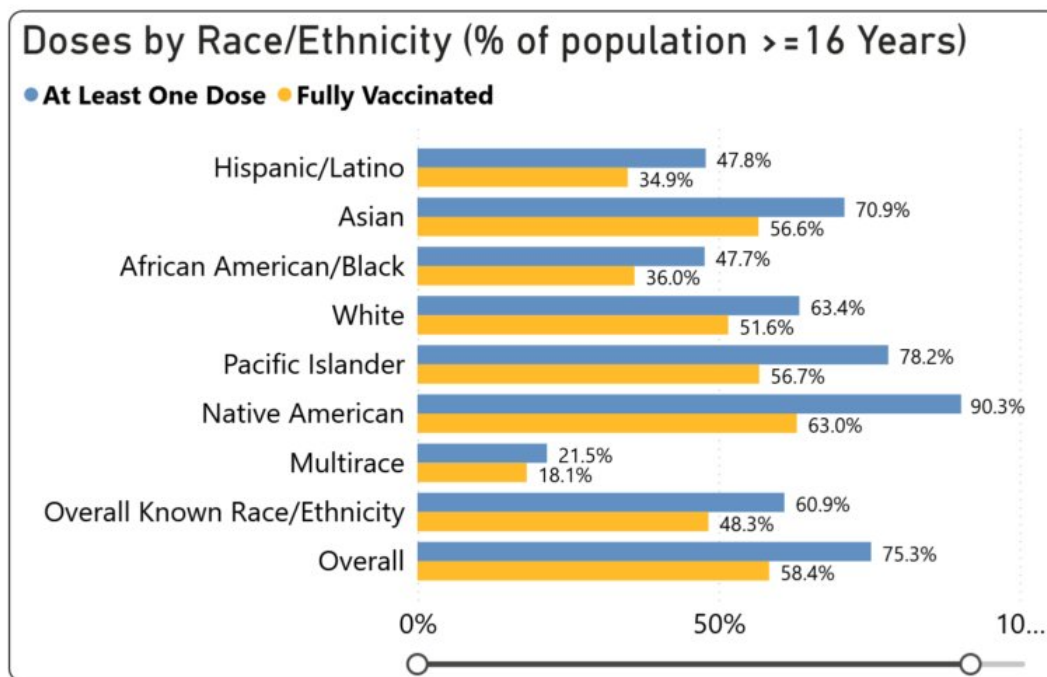
Vaccine Impact – Alameda County's First 26 SNFs to be Vaccinated

26 SNFs that completed all three of the CDC FPP vaccination clinics first
Updated 5/5/21

Year	Separate outbreaks	Positive residents	Resident hospitalizations	Resident deaths
2020	79	1,330	210	173
2021	20	23	3	1

Great news! Deaths among our elders continue to be much lower this year compared to last year. Data from Alameda County skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) show the huge positive impact of vaccinations. Among the first 26 SNFs to have their residents vaccinated, there were 173 resident

deaths in 2020 and only 1 so far in 2021. California reports that 98% of its 85,000 nursing home residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose.



Alameda County vaccination rates by race/ethnicity as of May 19 show that Latinx and Black/African American are less likely to have been vaccinated compared to White, API or Native American residents.

The latest KFF COVID vaccine survey shows that **Latinx adults are about twice as likely as White adults to say they want to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible and report access-related barriers to vaccination.** This represents an important opportunity for our organizations to address concerns around cost (reassure people the vaccine is free), insurance and immigration status, and make vaccinations convenient around hours and location and coming from trusted organizations.

La Clínica has new videos on COVID vaccines in [Mayan Mam](#) and in [Spanish](#).

New vaccine equity guidance shared by the CDC HIV prevention division: [Click to download](#)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity: Best Practices for Community and Faith-based Organizations](#)
- [A Guide for Community Partners](#) includes strategies, interventions, and ready-made messages and materials.
- [Toolkit for Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)

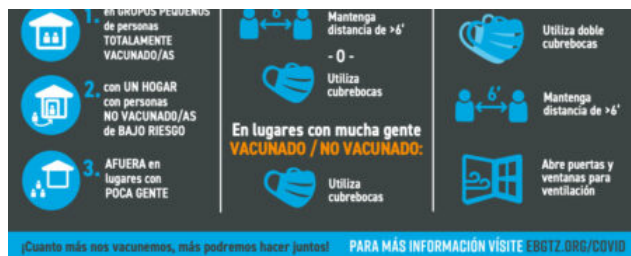
HARM REDUCTION TIPS AND RESOURCES

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS ON WHAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN DO](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR INFO ON DOUBLE-MASKING](#)

Our **COVID-19 harm reduction infographics** are updated to include prevention for fully vaccinated people and are available in **English and Spanish!** Please [click here](#) to download, share and print the graphics in English and in Spanish.





The SF Community Clinic Consortium developed [this HIV clinic reopening guidance document](#) which clinic teams might find helpful around specific considerations for PLWH.

To slow the spread of COVID-19 when we're in public:

- Wear masks and glasses,
- Stay outdoors whenever possible,
- Avoid crowds and maintain at least six feet distance from others,
- Sanitize or wash hands frequently,
- Stay home when sick, and
- Get vaccinated when it's our turn!

Free COVID testing sites: [Click here for Alameda County, Contra Costa County and Solano County testing sites.](#)

COVID-19 harm reduction strategies: Use as many of these as you can!

Strategy	% reduction
1. Vaccination	95% <small>mRNA EUA vaccines</small>
2. Masking	60-95%
3. Staying outdoors	~95% <small>in one case series</small>
4. Distancing	53-88%
5. Eye protection	78%
6. Hand hygiene	28-45%
7. Testing/isolation	33%

Updated 12.23.20 * Data compiled by Sophy S. Wong, MD
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Please see [EBGTZ.org/resources](#) for the complete list of sources for this table.

HIV UPDATES

A large randomized-controlled trial of **HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART)** in pregnant women in 9 countries found that dolutegravir-containing regimens had superior virologic suppression and, combined with TAF/F (emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide fumarate), the lowest risk for maternal and fetal adverse events.

A study from the Expanded HIV Testing and Linkage to Care Program, a collaboration between 13 health care centers in Chicago, showed that during the COVID-19 pandemic Emergency Departments (EDs) that integrated HIV screening with COVID-19 screening had 2.4x higher rates of acute HIV diagnoses per day (26%) during the pandemic compared to the 4 years prior to the pandemic. The study authors suggest that patients with acute HIV may be more likely to come in for testing because they are concerned about possible COVID-19 infection. This study demonstrates the importance of integrating opt-out HIV screening into EDs and into COVID-19 testing.

Our **summary of COVID prevention research** is constantly updated with new studies.

OTHER UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Updated May 19, 2021

Job opportunities:

- **Street Level Health Project** is looking to fill four positions: [Health Navigator I](#), [Day Laborer Employment Advocate](#), [Office Manager](#), [Day Laborer Workers Rights Organizer](#). Details on all four positions are available [here](#). **Bay Area Community Health** is seeking [Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Clinical Psychologist](#) to provide culturally affirming services and meet the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community. Behavioral Health Provider will serve as an expert on mental health issues, needs and interests of LGBTQIA+ adults, families and community, including knowledge of the spectrum of gender and sexual identities and transgender issues. Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team in a primary care setting while providing a brief intervention model of therapeutic services. Access the job description and application [here](#).

- The **California Department of Public Health – STD Control Branch** is recruiting to fill a *Research Scientist II (RS II)* position. The position will either be located in Richmond, CA or Sacramento, CA. The final filing date for both applications is June 3, 2021. Learn more about the position [here](#).
- **Facente Consulting** currently has three open positions: *Senior Consultant*; *Senior Consultant Lead for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) projects* and *Talent Manager*. Learn more about the positions and apply [here](#).
- **Bridge HIV** has two full-time employment opportunities open: *Research Associate* and *Program Assistant*. Employment is provided by Heluna Health. Many thanks for helping us to get the word out!
- **Asian Health Services** is looking for a *Licensed Clinical Social Worker* to provide mental health treatment services, psychotherapy, crisis intervention, and coordinating patient care with appropriate staff. Learn more about the position [here](#).
- **Oakland LGBTQ Center** Is looking for a *Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW)-Project Empowerment* who is committed to eliminating barriers to care for marginalized groups to include Black MSM, in order to improve health outcomes and stop the spread of HIV in our community, through offering culturally competent, gender and sexual orientation affirming, meaningful, community connected, innovative social and health care programs that work. Learn more about the position [here](#).
- The **California Department of Public Health** is hosting a *virtual job fair* on Friday, May 21st from 8:30-11:30am. Learn more about career opportunities, chat with staff from multiple CDPH programs, and get your questions about the State of California's hiring process answered by their recruitment team. Register [here](#).
- **Human Impact Partners** is still looking for a *Communications Associate* and an *Operations Associate*. Learn more about the positions [here](#).
- **Greenlining Institute** is looking for a *Program Manager for Capacity Building* to support local stakeholders to advance community-driven, equitable climate solutions at the pace and scale demanded by climate change and ongoing injustices. Learn about the position [here](#).

Funding opportunities:

- The **Sex Worker Giving Circle** is accepting grant applications from organizations with budgets under \$400,000. There are grants available at two levels – \$15,000 or \$25,000. Applications close on May 26th. Learn more about the opportunity [here](#).

Internships, Scholarships and more

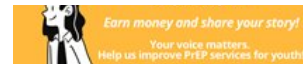
- **Berkeley Free Clinic** – the Operations Section is opening *volunteer applications*! Ops exists to support the Berkeley Free Clinic by coordinating projects and services that affect multiple sections of the clinic. Priority deadline on May 16, and final deadline on May 21. Learn more and apply [here](#).
- **WORLD** is open for applications to the Spring/Summer cohort of their *Leadership Institute*. Meetings will begin in June 2021, with sessions every other Thursday from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. If you have questions, reach out to dburns@womenhiv.org or call WORLD at 510-986-0340. Apply [here](#).

Youth opportunities:

- The **UCSF School of Nursing** is doing a study to learn more about PrEP use among young adults in the Bay Area during the COVID-19 pandemic. This study involves a one-time online survey, and all participants will have the option to receive a \$30 Amazon gift card as an appreciation for their time. Some participants will be asked if they would like to complete a 50-minute interview via Zoom for an additional \$40 gift card, if they express interest. All participation is virtual. To learn more or to be screened for eligibility, complete the short screening assessment [here](#) or directly text/call: 415-917-7686.



- **Native American Health Center** is offering a *Young Adult Support Group* as part of their Community Wellness Department's cultural prevention services. The focus of the program is to provide young adults, ages 18 – 25 years old, a safe space to express themselves, learn self-care techniques and acquire resources that promote wellness and personal growth. The group takes place once a month and are facilitated by NAHC staff and guest speakers/consultants. For more information, contact DallasW@nativehealth.org
- **RYSE Youth Center** is offering a *Youth Power Open Mic* hosted by the Richmond Youth Poet Laureate, Sheila McKinney on Friday, May 21st from 3-5pm. The first 10 youth to register will receive a gift in the mail, so please be sure to write your entire address. This is an open mic for poetry, singing, dancing, or speaking from the heart! Sign up [here](#).
- Calling all young, powerful youth activists across the country. **Advocates for Youth** has opened up applications to join their *Youth Activist Network*. Apply to be one of 130 youth activists aged 14-24 in a year-long fellowship who receive training, support, and \$600 per semester to organize for reproductive justice in your community. Learn more and apply [here](#).



Web events:

- **East Bay HIV Prevention Network Meeting:** Friday, May 21st, 11-12:30pm
- **Upcoming EBG TZ Working Group Meetings:**
 - Youth Engagement Working Group: Friday, May 7th 2-3:30pm
 - Community Messaging Working Group: Friday, May 14th 1:30-3pm
 - Spanish Language Engagement Group: Wednesday, June 9th, 1:30-3pm
 - To join our email lists or working groups: contact yamini@ebgtz.org
- Check out this downloadable list of **April to June 2021 trainings for HIV team members:** from EBG TZ, PAETC and the Alameda County Care Connect.
- **Alameda County Health Care Services Agency's Behavioral Health Care Services Department, and the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions will host the annual California Health Equity Summit on June 10-11, 2021.** The summit will feature keynote speakers Stacey Abrams and Corrina Gould, and there will be 14 innovative workshops to advance social justice and equity throughout behavioral health systems and organizations. For more information and to register [click here](#).
- **PAETC and their partners are hosting *Managing Medical Distrust – Actionable Steps to Cultivate Trust with Communities of Color*. The symposium will take place on June 16-17, 2021, from 10am-2pm.** Medical mistrust and distrust have adversely impacted efforts to end the HIV epidemic. This event will provide attendees with strategies to meaningfully engage priority populations in an effort to address medical mistrust and distrust and end the HIV epidemic. Learn more about the event [here](#).
- **PAETC is hosting a two-day statewide HIV & Aging Conference: Northern California on Thursday, June 3, 2021 and Friday, June 4, 2021 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.** The theme of the conference is: *Collectively Changing the Landscape: Coordinating Services to Meet the Needs of People Living With HIV 50+.* Learn more about the event and register [here](#).
- **CAI is an organization dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare and social services delivered to marginalized populations worldwide.** They are hosting a webinar titled ***Housing is Healthcare: Best Practices and Common Challenges in HIV Housing***. The webinar will take place on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 10-11:30am. Learn more about the event [here](#).



- Join Dr. Natalie Wilson and the Oakland East Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for a **COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall on May 23rd 1:00-2:30pm** with the young Black Woman scientist responsible for behind the vaccine for COVID-19, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett. Learn more and register [here](#).
- The **CDC** will be holding 2 webinars to receive comments on the 2021 *Update to the HIV PrEP Clinical Practice Guideline and Providers Supplement*. The webinars are on Mon May 24th or Tues May 25th at 10-11:30 am PDT [here](#) (Meeting ID: 160 278 9792, Passcode: 7i@v%w29). Find the update and info on the webinars [here](#).

Other resources:

- The **State Office of AIDS' monthly newsletter** is out. Access the May OAVoice [here](#).
- *What do you think about the COVID-19 vaccine?* Fill out a **brief (8-10 minutes) survey** for the **Alameda County Health Care Services Agency** to help develop effective health promotion and education materials. The survey is for the general public and will be open through mid-May. Information collected is anonymous and confidential – no identifying information will be collected. Here are links to the [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language surveys.
- **Word of Mouth Food Pantry** is offering free contactless food assistance on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month at 8400 Enterprise Way in Oakland. Learn more about Word of Mouth [here](#).
- **Low cost generic PrEP options** are now available: There are now several versions of generic emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (F/TDF for short; also available as brand name "Truvada®") that can be purchased to be used as PrEP. Learn more about this change [here](#).
- **Want to learn more about on-demand PrEP or "2-1-1" as a way to protect from getting HIV?** UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland (CHO) has released new handouts for community members describing what 2-1-1 PrEP is and how it works:
 - [Click here to download the handout in English](#)
 - [Haga clic aquí para el folleto en Español](#)
- **There are several open research studies** at UCSF for HIV prevention/treatment, STDs, viral hepatitis, and/or COVID-19: [click here](#) for more information on these opportunities.

HIV services during COVID-19: [Click here](#) for Contra Costa HIV services and see our online directory for Alameda County HIV services.

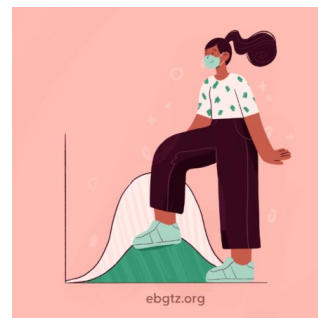
If your organization is in Alameda County and needs COVID-related supplies or staffing, please go to the [Emergency Medical Services website](#) to request PPE and testing supplies and [request staffing](#).

Please follow and share our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

A note about this webpage: COVID and HIV practice-changing updates will be posted on this page, usually weekly on Wednesday evenings. New studies will be continuously added to our summary of [COVID-19 harm reduction strategies](#). The emailed [HIV+COVID-19 update newsletters](#) are sent monthly on third Wednesdays.

Official Alameda County COVID-19 weekly updates are accessible on the [county website](#) and will not longer be posted on this page. You can sign up to receive the Alameda County weekly COVID-19 newsletter by emailing Jamie.Yee@acgov.org.

[CLICK HERE FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS](#)



TOP LINKS:

- **COVID Vaccines:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#), [CA vaccine progress tracker](#)
- **COVID Vaccine Myths and Facts and FAQs** in English, Español, 中文, and Arabic and **Questions & Answers**
- **COVID vaccine safety updates** (CDC)
- **COVID testing:** [locations in the Bay Area](#); [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#); [CDC guidance on home testing](#).
- **Phone numbers/Centro de llamadas:** [Contra Costa County](#)– (844) 729-8410, [Solano County](#)– 707-784-8988, [Alameda County vaccine line](#) in English, Spanish, Mandarin for those who cannot navigate the internet: 510-208-4VAX or 510-208-4829
- **COVID supports** (food, housing, stipends, etc.): [Alameda County resources](#) and [ARCH isolation stipends](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#)
- **Public Health Department updates:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#)
- **What's open:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#) and [CA rules on reopening](#)
- **COVID data:** [Alameda County](#), [Contra Costa County](#), [Solano County](#), [California State](#), [California \(SF Chronicle\)](#), [US \(CDC\)](#), [US by race \(CDC\)](#), [National/Global \(JHU\)](#). **Variants:** [in the US \(CDC\)](#) and [in California](#).
- **Maximizing mask protection:** [CDC guidance](#), [EBGTZ mask videos](#), [guidance and resources](#)
- **COVID PPE, staffing or testing supplies:** [Alameda County EMS– request PPE](#), [request staffing](#) or [request testing supplies](#).
- **HIV:** [FAQs for people living with HIV \(PLWH\)](#) and [Preguntas Frecuentes in Spanish](#), [Guidance for PLWH \(CDC\)](#), [Guidance for HIV providers \(HIVMA\)](#), [Vaccines for PLWH \(HIVMA\)](#), [UNAIDS infosheet on COVID-19 vaccines and HIV](#)
- **HIV services during COVID-19:** [Click here for Contra Costa HIV services](#), [Alameda County HIV services](#), [SF Community Clinic HIV clinic reopening guidance](#)
- **Key Communities:** [Harm Reduction Coalition](#), [Immigrants Rising](#), [Protecting Immigrant Families: Public Charge](#), [Healthcare for the Homeless](#), [COVID info in Asian languages](#)

LOOKING FOR COVID-19 TESTING?

- **Rapid COVID-19 antigen home tests are now available:** The BinaxNow antigen home self-test, retailing at 2 tests for \$23.99 is now sold at pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, Walmart) and online retailers nationwide. The 15-minute test is done with a nasal swab, with results showing on a card. Additional antigen tests will be on sale soon too. The CDC [has guidance](#) on what individuals should do following a negative or positive at-home test.
- **SF Chronicle's map of Bay Area testing sites** that don't require a doctor's referral.
- **Alameda County COVID testing sites:** [This webpage](#) includes community-based sites offering free testing for anyone with symptoms, including people without health insurance.
- **Contra Costa County** [free drive-through or walk-in COVID testing](#)
- **Solano County** [free testing sites](#)
- Please check the listing for updates and call the testing site before you leave to make sure they are open for testing, you are eligible, and register if needed.
- If you don't have a provider and have COVID symptoms: In Alameda County, call Alameda Health System 510-437-8500 for a phone screen and guidance. In Contra Costa County, call 844-729-8410. In Solano County, the county COVID warmline is 707-784-8988.
- If you're having difficulty breathing and unstable, please go to your nearest emergency room.

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