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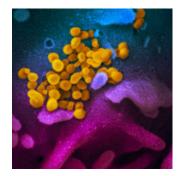
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COVID-19 AND HIV UPDATES

JUNE 30, 2021

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Below are East Bay COVID-19 and HIV community updates. This page is usually updated on third Wednesdays with data and resources gathered from many collaborators. Please click here to share feedback.

VACCINES MASKS GUIDANCE RESOURCES ARCHIVES

PDF SUMMARY

The SARS-CoV-2 virus (NIAID)

Jump to:

- Key East Bay COVID-19 updates
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In June we marked the 40th anniversary of the first official CDC reporting of five cases of what later became known as AIDS. We remember those whom we've lost and honor the brave leadership of people living with HIV.

Please see our tribute and invitation for the celebration of one of our most inspiring, courageous and beloved leaders, Ms. Loren Jones.



East Bay Getting to Zero was featured in the *Bay Area Reporter* on the collaborative efforts we're taking to get to zero new HIV infections. We can't do this without you! Shoutout to Dr. Demisha Burns from End the Epidemics and WORLD for also being featured. Click here to read the article.



Are you ready for an East Bae Summer?

In partnership with undocumented queer artivist <u>Julio Salgado</u>, we are kicking off our <u>East Bae Love</u> community messaging campaign with some summertime merchandise. T-shirts are ready for pick up! See pick-up locations below.









Join us on Thursday, August 5, 2-3:30 pm to strengthen linkages from the Emergency Department (ED) to PrEP and HIV care, including people who actively use substances. Please click here for more info and to register.

EAST BAY COVID-19 UPDATES

On June 28, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of LA County Public Health, <u>announced</u> that there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases, with the more infectious Delta variant now half the variants sequenced in LA County. The Bay Area has also seen <u>a 34% increase</u> in case rates since the June 15 reopening.

Across the US, the Delta variant accounts for 20-25% of all new infections, a doubling of the proportion in a week's time. Overall rates are still low compared to the spring and winter and hospitalization and death rates remain low, thanks to people getting vaccinated.

As a result of the increase in Delta variant cases, LA County Public Health "strongly recommends everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors in public places as a precautionary measure." The LA County mask recommendation, along with vaccinations and natural immunity, are intended to keep community transmission low and avoid more disruptive mandates, such as lockdowns.

On June 22 Dr. Anthony Fauci reported 20.6% of new cases in the U.S. are due to the Delta variant. New data analyses suggest that the Delta variant is doubling in proportion every 2 weeks and will become the dominant virus variant in the US this summer. "The Delta variant is currently the greatest threat in the U.S. to our attempt to eliminate COVID-19," Fauci said. Read more variant updates here.

Fortunately, <u>current data</u> shows that being *fully* vaccinated is still highly effective against hospitalization and symptomatic disease from the Delta variant and other variants of concern thus far. Let's make sure everyone completes their vaccination doses!

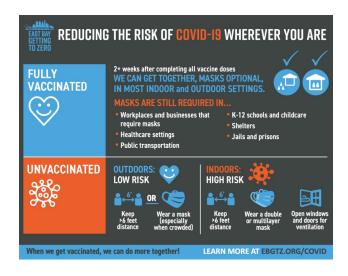
Dr. Rochelle Walensky of the CDC said on *Good Morning America*, "We are still seeing uptick of cases in areas of low vaccination, and in that situation we are suggesting that policies be made at the local level."

Taken altogether, when you are fully vaccinated and out in public, we recommend that you consider the local case and vaccination rates, settings you'll be in, and your own health status. While vaccinations remain highly effective, you may want to further reduce your risk for mild disease and/or asymptomatic carriage. For example, it may be wise to mask up even if you're vaccinated in a crowded store or outdoor festival with singing if you're in a location with high case rates and low vaccination rates to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 even further. People who are immunosuppressed and/or unvaccinated are recommended to wear masks whenever out in public. Check out this COVID risk calculator to figure out the risk level for your situation.

On June 15, CA Governor Newsom ended the "stay home order" to reopen California's activities and economy. New public health orders effective June 15 end the Blueprint system, capacity limits on businesses, most distancing requirements, and masking requirements for fully vaccinated people in most settings. Only mega events (5,000+ people indoors or 10,000+ people outdoors) are required by public health orders to check for vaccination or negative tests. Businesses and workplaces can choose to have stricter requirements. Masks are still required for unvaccinated people in indoor public settings and for everyone in public transport, schools, childcare, healthcare, correctional and shelter settings.

Our updated infographics below now include the new guidance!

Click to download: graphic in English | graphic in Spanish | PDF in English | PDF in Spanish.





The Umoja COVID-19 testing and vaccination initiative was featured in New England Journal of Medicine! Check out the article here, which features many of local advocates and organizations in our network collaborating across the Bay to address health inequities.

The East Bay's Alameda and Contra Costa counties are in the top 20 highest vaccination rates nationwide among all counties with over 250,000 residents. Both have given at least one vaccine dose almost 80% of residents ages 12+ and have fully vaccinated almost 70%.

While many Bay Area counties have already reached <u>President Biden's goal</u> to have 70% of adults in the US get at least one dose by July 4, vaccination rates are uneven across communities and counties. <u>Solano</u> <u>County's</u> first-dose vaccination rate for people ages 12+ is 67%.



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.

Get a \$50 gift card for getting vaccinated, get free tickets to Six Flags and a chance to win \$1.5 million, "dream vacations" and other prizes! Click here to learn more about California's Vax for the Win \$116.5 million vaccine incentive program, including the \$50 incentive cards for the first 2 million people who get vaccinated starting May 27. Fifteen people, including someone from Alameda County and 17-year-old Natalie Gutierrez from San Diego, won

\$50,000 cash prizes in the first drawing that took place on June 11.

On June 2, President Biden launched a "National Month of Action" to get-out-the-vaccine, involving influencers and door-to-door canvassing, as well as offering free childcare for parents and caregivers while they get their vaccines, free Lyft and Uber rides, and other incentives. Click here for a summary of COVID-19 vaccine incentives.

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.

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless is providing free, walk-in COVID vaccines for people experiencing homelessness in a wide variety of shelter and community settings. Please see updated locations and schedules here.

Alameda County released a **request for proposals** due on July 7 for **community-led coalitions to expand vaccine access** and provide comprehensive community engagement.

Click here for more on vaccine eligibility and how to get one.

COVID-19 daily cases in the Bay Area have increased by 34% since the June 15 reopening, though remain at low rates thanks to people getting vaccinated and masking. Nationwide, the spring surge has

subsided with outbreaks in areas with substantial unvaccinated populations. As of June 30, 66.5% of US adults have received at last one vaccine dose. Worldwide, cases have started to increase again. South America continues to have the highest rate of new infections in the world, with new case increases with the Delta variant in Africa. Cases in India have declined from a peak in early May.

Estimated <u>transmission rates</u> in the Bay Area have crept up since late-May. The transmission rate is <u>1.09</u> across California as of June 29.

As of June 30:

Alameda County:

- o 1.17 transmission rate; 4 cases per 100,000 people
- 81% residents ages 12+ have received at least once vaccine dose (partially vaccinated), 68% are fully vaccinated
- Links to county vaccine updates

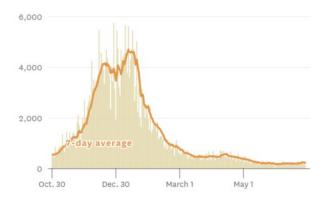
• Contra Costa County:

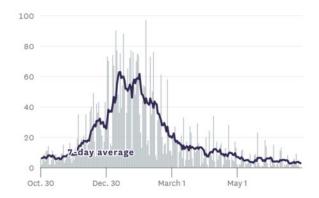
- o 1.12 transmission rate; 5 cases per 100,000 people
- o 78% of residents ages 12+ partially vaccinated, 72% fully vaccinated
- Links to county vaccine updates and what's open

Solano County:

- o 1.05 transmission rate; 4 cases per 100,000 people
- 67% of residents 12+ partially vaccinated, 55% fully vaccinated
- Links to county vaccine updates

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





SF Chronicle, 6/30/21: COVID-19 daily cases and deaths in the Bay Area.

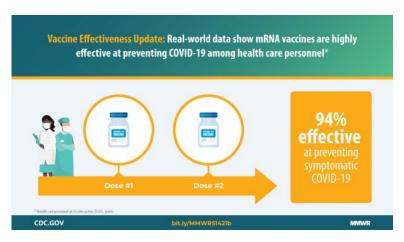
The CDC released new guidance on the clinical management of **post-COVID conditions** on June 14. A large study of 73,000 people on post-COVID conditions from the VA shows that the risk for multisystem complications after acute COVID were substantial, even among people with mild-moderate symptoms, including 60% increase in the risk of death.

VACCINE STUDIES, VARIANTS AND "BREAKTHROUGH" INFECTIONS

Real-world data shows that COVID vaccines <u>are safe and highly effective</u> in preventing both asymptomatic and symptomatic infection.

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 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, and the importance of getting the second mRNA vaccine dose.

On June 14, **Novavax** announced that NVX-CoV2373, a protein-based COVID-19 vaccine, demonstrated 100% protection against moderate and severe disease and 90.4% efficacy overall in a study of nearly 30,000 people in the US and Mexico. The company plans to seek authorization for its vaccine in the US, Europe and elsewhere by the end of September and produce 100 million doses by them. This offers the US a fourth highly-effective vaccine option, though most of the first doses will likely go to low- and middle-income countries.

Durability of immunity: Two new studies, one in Nature and one pre-print, show that both natural infection and vaccinations induce long-lived T-cell and B-cell responses, which help the body continue to identify the virus and produce antibodies whenever needed. The findings suggest that immunity to COVID-19 likely lasts at least a year, possibly much longer. The B and T-cell responses were stronger among those who were infected *and* vaccinated. Those immune just from vaccination alone may need boosters at some point, though when is still unknown. These findings strengthen the recommendation that all people with past infection also get vaccinated.

A study on reinfections with COVID-19 results suggest that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a much lower risk of reinfection (about 15x fewer than new primary infections). Natural immunity appears to be protective for at least a year. However, the study ended before variants were widespread, and it is unknown how well natural immunity to the wild-type virus will protect against variants.

Vaccines for children: Moderna and Pfizer have reported 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 announced on May 25 that their vaccine is 100% effective for 12-17 year olds in a clinical trial that enrolled 3,732 people ages 12 to 17, two-thirds of whom received two vaccine doses. There were no cases of symptomatic Covid-19 in fully vaccinated adolescents, the company reported. Moderna plans to submit data to the FDA for authorization in early June.

Trials for children ages 6 months to 11 years old have also begun for both <u>Pfizer</u> and <u>Moderna</u> vaccines. Based on data from an earlier study that assessed safety, Pfizer will give two doses of 10 micrograms each (a third of the dose given to adolescents and adults) to children ages 5-11 years, and two doses of 3 micrograms each to children ages 6 months to 5 years.

On June 23 and June 28, the CDC updated its statement on **rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis** following mRNA vaccines, mostly mild cases among young cismen ages 30 and younger that occur a few days after the 2nd dose. Myocarditis and pericarditis can also be clinical features of COVID-19 infection, and the **risk remains higher for COVID-19 infection cardiac complications among unvaccinated people**. Clinicians are asked to evaluate cases of myocarditis and pericarditis with a SARS-CoV-2 test, ask about vaccination history and report cases of myocarditis or pericarditis after vaccination promptly to the U.S. Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), and continue to encourage COVID-19 vaccination in your patients, as the benefits far outweigh the risks.

A new study suggests that MIS-C was a rare complication of SARS-CoV-2 infection but disproportionately impacts young people of color. "In this cohort study of 248 persons with MIS-C, MIS-C incidence was 5.1 persons per 1000 000 person-months and 316 persons per 1000 000 SARS-CoV-2 infections in persons younger than 21 years. Incidence was higher among Black, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian or Pacific Islander persons compared with White persons and in younger persons compared with older persons." (Payne)

A new article shares data from Brazil and Israel suggesting that mass adult vaccination protects children. Outbreaks in a small proportion of UK's schools still show that children are still a reservoir of circulating virus.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations in pregnant and lactating people found to be safe so far: 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 which found robust antibody titers in all groups, along with antibodies in umbilical cord blood and breast milk samples.

VARIANTS

The WHO uses a <u>new naming system</u> for coronavirus variants using the Greek alphabet. <u>Variants of concern or interest</u> reported in the East Bay include:

- B117 ("UK"): is now called Alpha
- B1351 ("South African"): Beta

- P1("Brazilian"): Gamma
- B1617 ("Indian"): Delta
- B1427/9 ("West Coast"): Epsilon

The Alpha variant is now the dominant variant here and elsewhere in the US. The Delta variant has very rapidly become a dominant strain in the UK. Approved vaccines are still expected to be effective against serious disease from these variants.

Updated data on the Delta (B1617.2 or "Indian") variant suggests that this variant is 64% more transmissible, and early data from English and Scotland suggests a higher risk of hospitalization compared to the Alpha (B117 or "UK") variant. Excellent weekly updates on variants from the UK are posted here. California state reported 372 cases of the Delta variant, or 15% of specimens sequenced statewide as of June 23, up from 5% on May 21.

Public Health England has also reported that vaccines are still highly effective against hospitalization and against symptomatic disease from the Delta variant, though less so, especially after a single dose. Protection after the first dose was seen to be only 31% for Delta compared to 49% for Alpha. Supporting people to mask up between doses and to get their 2nd doses is crucial.

Updated data from June show that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 88% effective against symptomatic disease with the Delta variant, a drop from 94% against the Alpha (B117 or "UK") variant. Vaccine efficacy against hospitalization was high with 2 doses of the Pfizer mRNA vaccine: 96% effective against hospitalization with the Delta variant and 95% effective against hospitalization with Alpha.

Full vaccination with the Astra-Zeneca vaccine provided 67% protection against Delta variant, versus 74% protection against the Alpha variant. Vaccine efficacy against hospitalization was also better maintained for the Astra-Zeneca vaccine: 92% for the Delta vs. 86% for the Alpha after 2 doses.

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 0.0019% of the 139+ million fully vaccinated people in the US have had reported hospitalizations with symptomatic COVID-19, or "vaccine breakthrough" infections through June 21, which translates to a real-world vaccination efficacy rate of 99.998% protection against hospitalization.

In Alameda County, Dr. Donata Nilsen reported that that have been 307 COVID-19 cases reported of "breakthrough" infections as of June 9, and about half were symptomatic. Only 10% of the "breakthrough" infections have been sequenced, and variant analysis is not available. Starting in May, only symptomatic "breakthrough" cases are being reported.

Dr. Nick Moss reported that as of May 26, there have been 2 hospitalizations reported thus far due to COVID-19 among people who are fully vaccinated in Alameda County, both among very old people, and one case which may have been due to pre-vaccination infection. As of May 26, there were 29 cases of reinfections reported among people previously infected in Alameda County. Nationwide "breakthrough" case data is available on the CDC website here.

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.

WHAT'S UP WITH COVID VACCINES?

Updated June 30, 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. Get a vaccine today at MyTurn.ca.gov or with your medical provider!



Get a \$50 gift card for getting vaccinated, free tickets to Six Flags, and a chance to win \$1.5 million and other prizes! California announced its Vax for the Win \$116.5 million vaccine incentive program, including the \$50 incentive cards for the first 2 million people who get vaccinated starting May 27.

Click here for a summary of **national COVID-19 vaccine incentives**. The "National Month of Action" launched on June
2, offering free childcare for parents and caregivers while
they get their vaccines, free Lyft and Uber rides, discounts

and gift cards at stores, restaurants and other incentives.

HOW DO WE GET A COVID VACCINE?

- 1. Check for an available appointment or walk-up site hours:
 - o Go to **MyTurn.ca.gov** or call 833-422-4255to make appointments at public sites and pharmacies across California.
 - Or go to your <u>medical provider</u>'s website (click for: <u>Kaiser</u>, <u>Sutter</u>, <u>Stanford</u>,
 <u>Children's Oakland</u>) or call them. <u>Click for community health center links below.</u>
 - Additional options: see phone numbers below.

- Check county vaccine sites: Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Solano
 County
- Check community pop-up sites and Oakland school 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.
- Vaccines for people experiencing homelessness

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

- A photo ID (does not have to be government-issued)
- Appointment confirmation, if not walking up (printed or on phone)
- o A mask.
- 3. **For people under 18**, there are several ways to provide consent:
 - o Online registration: parent/quardian checks consent box
 - o Drop-in/walk-up:
 - Parent/guardian comes and gives consent in-person
 - Parent/guardian gives consent on phone or video
 - Youth brings in paper form signed by parent/guardian. <u>Click here</u> to download the parent/guardian consent form for Alameda County.

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 VACCINE 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:

- 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.
- **East Oakland Collective** is offering free ride shares for Oakland residents.
- 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: for all community members ages 12-24
 - o Open to everyone ages 12-24, even if they are not members
 - o 744 52nd St., Oakland, CA 94609
 - o Call (415) 514-1196, Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - All callers should choose option 2 and stay on the line to speak with an operator, who will schedule an appointment
 - No proof of eligibility will be required.
- 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 THROUGH PHARMACIES:

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

VACCINES THROUGH COMMUNITY POP-

UMOJA HEALTH

UPS:

- Oakland school site pop-ups and other sites for 12+
- Umoja Vaccine:
 United in Health

Oakland: see flyer

 Hotline: call 1-888-763-0007 and leave a phone number.

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

> 750 Aileen Street 9:30-130p



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

Fremont High

School: Located at 4610 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601. Hours of operation are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8 am-4 pm. To make an appointment call (510) 208-4829.

Unity Council in the Fruitvale, East Oakland



Bienvenidos Con Cita y Sin Cita

<u>Disponible Aquí</u>: 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/AlCoSignUp 510-208-4VAX, 510-208-4829





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 Friday 8am-4pm Saturday 8am-4pm

To book an appointment: bit.ly/AlCoSignUp 510-208-4VAX.510-208-4829







VACCINES THROUGH COUNTY VACCINATION SITES:

- Alameda County COVID-19 vaccine access
 - Get an appointment: bit.ly/AlCoSignUp
 - o Getting a Vaccine in Alameda County flyer (5/20/2021): 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 and 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 nearly 100% effective 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.

Johnson & Johnson vaccines and blood clots:

The <u>CDC</u> has recommended to resume vaccinations with the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine for people ages 18+ because the benefits far outweigh the risks of 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.

Read <u>CDC updated questions and answers on the J&J vaccine here</u> and the <u>detailed CDC</u> 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. Moderna announced on May 25 that their vaccine is 100% effective for 12-17 year olds in a clinical trial that enrolled 3,732 people ages 12 to 17. Moderna plans to submit data to the FDA for authorization in June. Pfizer plans to submit data and an authorization request for children ages 2-11 in September.

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.

Should we check for immunity after vaccination? The FDA does not currently recommend checking for SARS-Cov2 antibodies after COVID-19 vaccination since current antibody tests have not been evaluated to assess level of protection from vaccination.

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

Disparities in vaccination rates persist for Black and Latinx communities, especially among younger people of color, who've already been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. An analysis of CDC data published on June 16 shows that in every age category, Black people are dying from COVID at about the same rate as white people more than 10 years older. COVID death rates for Black and Latinx people ages 45-54 are at least 6 times higher than the death rate of white people. Another study of California deaths found that Latinx Californians ages 20-54 were 8.5 times more likely than white Californians in that age range to die of COVID.

Dayna Bowen Matthew, author of *Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care*, says: "What we politely call a 'health disparity' is killing people of color daily. It is causing people of color to live sicker and die quicker, because of the color of their skin."

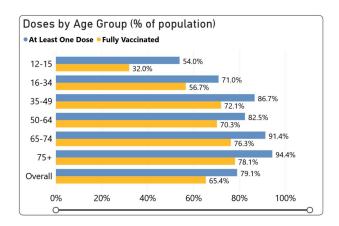
The Umoja COVID-19 testing and vaccination initiative was featured in New England Journal of Medicine! Check out the article here, which features many of local advocates and organizations in our

network collaborating across the Bay to address health inequities.

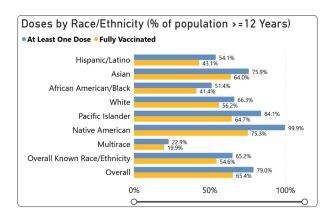


Updated June 16, 2021 with data from June 15, 2021. Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding. "Other" race and ethnicity means those who do not fall under any listed race or ethnicity.

<u>CDPH CA State COVID-19 dashboard</u> June 16, 2021: Latinx and Black/African American Californians continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.



Alameda County vaccination rates by age and race/ethnicity as of June 16 show that Alameda County resident under age 35 are less likely to be vaccinated compared to older residents.



Black/African American and Latinx residents are less likely to have been vaccinated compared to White, API or Native American residents.

The latest KFF **COVID vaccine survey** from late May reports that "Unvaccinated adults vary from vaccinated adults in that they tend to be younger, people of color, Republican-leaning, and less-educated. But unvaccinated isn't an entirely uniform group, with significant differences by intention. Adults who want to "wait and see" before getting vaccinated are more likely to be young and people of color, while those in the "definitely not" group are more significantly Republican-leaning and in rural areas."

La Clínica has new videos on COVID vaccines in Mayan Mam and in Spanish.

New vaccine equity quidance shared by the CDC HIV prevention division: Click to download

- COVID-19 Vaccine Equity: Best Practices for Community and Faith-based Organizations
- <u>A Guide for Community Partners</u> includes strategies, interventions, and ready-made messages and materials.
- Toolkit for Correctional and Detention Facilities

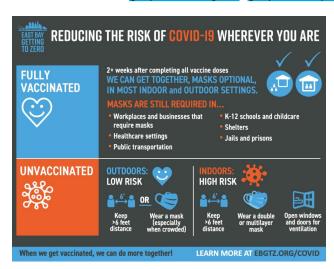
HARM REDUCTION TIPS AND RESOURCES

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS ON WHAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN DO

CLICK HERE FOR INFO ON DOUBLE-MASKING

Our COVID harm reduction infographics now include the June 15 California state reopening guidance!

Click to download: graphic in English | graphic in Spanish | PDF in English | PDF in Spanish.





Check out this COVID risk calculator to figure out the risk level for your specific situation.

The SF Community Clinic Consortium developed this **HIV** clinic reopening guidance document which clinic teams might find helpful around specific considerations for PLWH.

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% mRNA EUA vaccines
	2. Masking	60-95%
	3. Staying outdoors	~95% in one case series
	4. Distancing	53-88%
	5. Eve protection	78%

OTHER UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

6. Hand hygiene 28-45%
7. Testing/isolation 33%

Updated 12.23.20 * Data compiled by Sophy S. Wong, MD Icons by Good Ware, Freepik and Srip on Flaticon.com Please see <u>EBGT2.org/resources</u> for the complete list of sources for this table.

Updated June 16th, 2021

Job opportunities:

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

Lifelong Medical Care is recruiting for an HIV PrEP

Navigator to facilitate the initiation of PrEP, comprehensive HIV/STI Health Education, HIV counseling and testing services in Alameda County. Learn more about the position here. If you are interested in this position, please submit resumes to Keshia Lynch, HIV Program Manager at klynch@lifelongmedical.org.

Health Outreach Partners is hiring an Administrative Program Coordinator. This is a full-time administrative position supporting our program team of public health professionals. Health Outreach Partners is a small community based organization that supports community health centers nationwide. Learn more about the position here.

Youth Opportunities:







• Updates from Dream Youth Clinic:

- Beginning the week of June 14th, Dream Youth Clinics will have the Pfizer Covid vaccine available for youth 13-24 at Dreamcatcher on Mondays 1-5pm and Covenant House on Tuesdays 1-5pm. If you have youth that are interested in receiving the vaccine, please give us a call for an appointment (510) 839-0939 X3 or have them drop-in during these clinic times. Please note: All unsheltered youth are able to independently consent to receive their vaccine. Any youth living with a parent or guardian will need their adult caregiver's consent to be vaccinated. Consent forms will be provided at the Dream Youth Clinics.
- Dream's Young Mom's Group is meeting tomorrow, Thursday 6/17 from 12-1pm. Scan the QR code in the image for more information.
- Dream Youth Clinic is looking for youth leaders to join their team. DM them on Instagram (@dreamyouthclinic) for more details.
- **Sentient Research** is currently recruiting youth involved in juvenile justice systems to participate in focus groups about goals, social networks, and general knowledge of family

planning. Each participant will receive \$50 for a one-hour Zoom focus group. Results will be used to develop innovative new reproductive health programs for youth involved in juvenile justice. They are particularly looking for **young fathers and young non-parent women** involved in Juvenile Justice. Participants must range in age from 15-21. Parental/Guardian consent is required for those 17 and under. If you have interested youth or would like to know more, please email bria@sentientresearch.net.

Internships, Fellowships and more

NOW RECRUITING!

California Public Health Corps (CA-PHC) Training & Pathways Program

The California Public Health Corps (CA-PHC) Training and Pathways Program is a **two-year**, paid, training and worksite placement program for early-career public health professionals to work at **Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) Host Sites**. Trainees of the program will receive intensive training prior to starting their assignments, and will conduct communicable disease intervention, community engagement, and emergency response activities.



WHY APPLY?

Trainees receive:

- . Two-year contracted position with competitive salary and benefits
- Training support needed to advance a career in public health
- · Experience in public health service delivery
- Opportunities to build a network of colleagues, mentors, & friends

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Interested applicants must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

- (A) At least six months of full-time communicable disease control experience, OR
- (B) At least one year of full-time health and human services experience, OR
- (C) A bachelor's degree

APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON!

In the meantime:

- · Gather application materials (Resume/CV · Cover Letter)
- · Identify two professional references
- . Fill out this FORM to be notified when the application opens



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CA-PHC WEBPAGE.









- UCSF is part of an innovative new program that is designed to train the next generation of public health workers in California. The California Public Health Corps Training and Pathways Program is 2-year paid, training and worksite placement program for early-career public health professionals to work at CA Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ) host sites. Trainees of the program will receive intensive training prior to starting their assignments, and will conduct communicable disease intervention, community engagement, and emergency response activities. Interested applicants should complete this form to be notified when the application is open and receive other program updates. Visit this page for more details about the program.
- The Racial Equity Collaborative for Drug User Health (the Collaborative) is a pilot program developed by the National Alliance for State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). The program intends to create a supportive space for cross-career stage and cross-sector Black, Indigenous, and other People Color (BIPOC)* navigating the landscape of governmental, nonprofit, research, and philanthropic fields that support the health of people who use drugs. Applications are due on June 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM ET. Learn more about the opportunity here. The Application can be found here.

Events (Virtual & in-person)



Rainbow Community Center is offering free HIV Testing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (925) 692-0090 x714.













News from Oakland LGBTO Center:

- A new social circle created for Black trans women by Black trans women, that focuses on empowerment and holistic health that includes; mental health support, access to gender affirming healthcare, emergency housing/rental subsidies, transportation assistance, and other wellness and supportive services. Every 3rd Thursday starting June 17th at 5:30pm.
 For more information please contact Kayla Moore between at kayla@oaklandlgbtqcenter.org
- Power X is a Latino / Latinx Affinity group designed to meet the wellness needs of men/trans men around the bay area. Group meetings will take place twice per month (once in English and once in Spanish). For more info, click here.
- #OUT4MENTALHEALTH is a discussion of Intergenerational Mental Health & Alternative Forms Of Healing. The event will take place on Thursday, June 17th at 5pm. Register here.

Alameda County Care Connect's upcoming offerings include:

Public Benefits: June 22nd from 10am-12pm. Public Benefit programs are critical to our clients, however, the application process can be daunting to clients and service providers. In this training we will discuss the ins-and-outs of the major County, State and Federal benefit programs and how to connect your clients to the benefits for which they are entitled. Register here.

Plain Language Works! June 29th from 10-10:30am. Plain Language is an accessible way of communicating that helps people better understand your messaging. Plain Language is inclusive, clear and welcoming. Learn common tips and tools about how to use plain language. Register here.

Social Determinants of Health: July 27th from 10am-12pm. This interactive two-hour virtual training will examine factors in which people are born, work, live, play, pray and age known as social determinants of health (SDH). Participants will examine social and structural factors like racism, gender identity, economic status, housing, education that impact clients and communities in accessing care services. Register here.

Survey opportunities and other newsletters of interest:

The International Association of Providers in AIDS Care, IAPAC, has asked that our greater Oakland Fast Track Cities Community Partners complete the LGBTQ+ survey. You can find the LGBTQ+ Health Equity Survey here. It is also available in Spanish here. The survey results from Oakland and 49 other Fast-Track Cities will be featured in an LGBTQ+ Health Equity Report that will be released at WorldPride 2021 in Copenhagen later this Summer.

The Alameda County Council for Age-Friendly Communities has released its Older Adult Digital Needs Assessment Survey. The survey asks about seniors' level of access to internet services and devices, as well as their need for education and training to support their use of the internet. Please help us become a more age-friendly community by distributing the survey to as many of your stakeholders, clients, and community members as possible! Click here for a toolkit that provides many resources for survey distribution.

California Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS June newsletter is available now. Access it here.

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 <u>Emergency Medical Services website</u> 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, with comprehensive updates posted monthly, usually on third Wednesdays. 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 updates are accessible on the county website. 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 <u>Bay Area</u>; <u>Alameda County</u>, <u>Contra Costa County</u>, <u>Solano County</u>; <u>CDC</u> 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.

