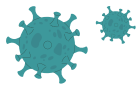


# Santa Cruz County Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Executive Summary 10/15/2021



## COVID-19 Case Trends - Historical Trends

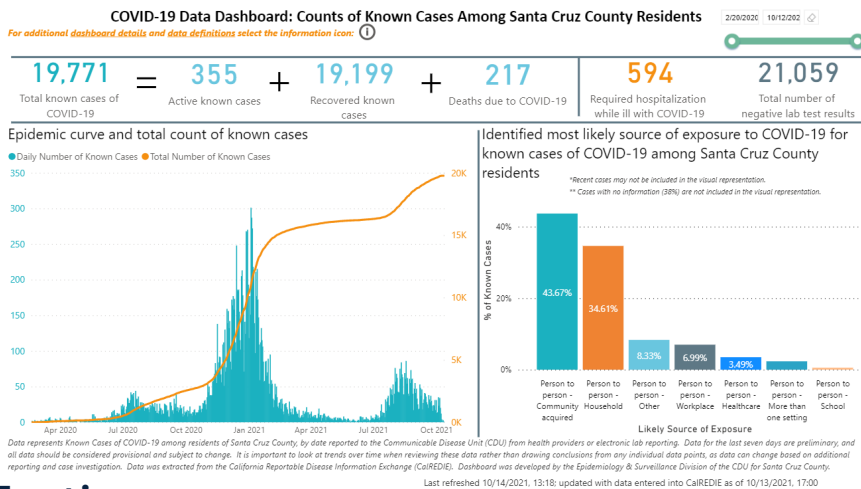
While the COVID-19 Delta Variant continues to be active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country, overall cases continue to decrease.

- As of 10/12/21, data shows a -31% change in average number of cases in the last 14 days, compared to 2 weeks ago when it was at a -21% change in cases.
- Case rates closely mirror COVID-19 cases at this time last year.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU need, and daily death rate are all in decline and projected to decline over the next 4 weeks.
- Majority of active cases were exposed in the community (60%) or household (20%).
- The [Local Demographics Dashboard](#) shows that among active cases, 26% were in the 0 to 19 age group, with the most cases in the 5 to 9 age range.

## Vaccinations

Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Resource](#) webpage or [My Turn](#) for vaccination clinics and appointments.

- Watsonville Vaccine Center continues to be open Thursday-Sunday at the Old City Hall in Watsonville. All three vaccines are available; walk-ins welcome!



## Testing

Testing Appointment Information is available at the [Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Testing Website](#).

- Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium OptumServe Testing Site will be closing on October 15th. Planning is happening to move testing to the Civic Auditorium parking lot using the Mobile COVID-19 Testing Bus.
- Please check the [COVID-19 Testing](#) website for the start date. To make an appointment visit [Optum Serve](#) or call 888-634-1123.



## COVID-19 Vaccine Additional Dose Vs. Booster Dose



### Additional Dose:

- Given to those with weakened immune systems who have not responded fully to initial doses.
- **28 days** after primary series.
- People who are moderately or severely immune compromised. Conditions listed [here](#).
- Under FDA Emergency Use Authorization for approved individuals who received **Moderna** or **Pfizer-BioNTech** for primary series.

### Booster Dose:

- Given when immune response to initial vaccination might have decreased over time.
- **6 months** after primary series.
- People who **should** receive a booster dose:
  - Age 65+
  - Residents in long-term care settings (18+)
  - Age 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions or at risk of social inequities.
- People who **may** receive a booster shot:
  - Age 18-49 with underlying medical conditions.
  - Age 18-64 at risk for COVID-19 due to work or institutional setting.
- Under FDA Emergency Use Authorization for approved individuals who received **Pfizer-BioNTech** for primary series.

[Additional Information can be found here.](#)

## Public Health Reminders



- **Seasonal Influenza** season is here. Now is the time to get the flu shot from your healthcare provider or local pharmacy. [Click here to access MyTurn appointments.](#)
- If you are symptomatic, please get tested and stay home. It is crucial to reducing the spread and to **protecting loved ones.**
- While the Local Indoor Masking Mandate has been lifted, it is still **highly recommended** to wear in indoor settings to protect those around you.