Santa Cruz County Public Health
COVID-19 Emergency Response
Executive Summary 10/29/2021

**COVID-19 Case Trends – Celebrate the Holidays Safely**

COVID-19 case rates continue to decline in Santa Cruz County, with almost the same daily case rate as this time last year.

- As of 10/27/21, data shows a ~31% change in average number of cases in the last 14 days, a 20% decline compared to two weeks ago.
- COVID–19 hospitalizations, ICU need, and daily death rate are all in decline and projected to decline over the next few weeks. Trends are stable as of 10/28/21.
- Majority of known cases since 7/1/2021 were exposed in the community (59.83%) or household (22.09%).
- The Local Demographics Dashboard shows that among active cases, the most number of cases are in the 35–44 age range (20.07%), followed by the 25–34 age range (14.88%)

**Testing**

Testing Appointment Information is available at the Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Testing Website. The Mobile Testing Bus has updated their schedule:

- **Santa Cruz City:** Open Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm by appointment only in the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot
- **Felton:** Friday-Sunday from 10am-6pm at the Mountain Resource Center. *appointments preferred, walk-ins accommodated based on availability.
- **Ramsay Park:** Open Wednesday-Sunday from 7am-6:45pm.

Appointments for locations can be found at the Optum Serve Website, [click here for an appointment](#).

**Vaccinations**

COVID-19 Vaccines are proven to reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death against COVID-19. As of 10/22/21, eligibility for COVID-19 boosters expanded:

- **Moderna** and **Pfizer-BioNTech** booster doses are recommended for following individuals 6 months after their primary series or **2 months** following a Johnson and Johnson dose:
  - 65 years and older
  - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings, underlying medical conditions or work or live in high-risk settings.
- Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose.

To schedule an appointment or find a walk-in clinic, visit the HSA COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage.

**Coming soon!** The 5-11 age group is expected to become eligible for vaccines starting next week (week of 11/1).

**Holiday Testing and Vaccine Schedule**

Due to the upcoming Veteran’s Day Holiday, the following locations will be closed on November 11th:

- Watsonville Vaccine Center at Old City Hall
- Watsonville Ramsay Park Testing Location
- Santa Cruz Testing Minibus at the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot

November 12th Closure:

- Felton Testing Minibus at the Mountain Resource Center

For more information, click to visit the COVID-19 webpage.

**Public Health Reminders**

- **Celebrate Safely!** Recommendations for a safe Halloween and Día De Los Muertos are available.
- **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 or here to access the vaccine finder website.
- To find a COVID-19 Vaccine appointment near you, visit MyTurn or the Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage.

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