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COVID-19 Case Trends – Cases Decreasing

COVID-19 case rates are starting to decrease in Santa Cruz County. Public Health’s surge response will focus on supporting the healthcare system, supporting the community with COVID-19 preparedness, and maintaining Public Health operations.

The 14-day change graph to the right indicates a flattening and decreasing trend.

- Reproductive number median estimate is below 1, which indicates that transmission is not increasing.

Individual behaviors DO make a difference to SLOW the spread. What you can do during the Omicron surge:

- Get vaccinated and boosted.
- Upgrade your masks.
- Improve ventilation and air filtration.

Masking Update

Bay Area health officers, in alignment with the State, strongly recommend continued masking as an effective tool to prevent the spread of the virus.

- Masking in indoor public settings remains the safest choice for an individual.
- Vaccinations and boosters remain the top defense against the virus.

Click here for the new CDPH masking guidance.

Vaccinations

NEW! BEN LOMOND VACCINE CLINIC

- There is a new vaccine clinic in Ben Lomond, located at Wee Kirk Church, 500 Central Avenue.
- Open Saturdays 10am-2pm
- Appointments and walk-ins available. Click here for MyTurn appointments.
- In partnership with Santa Cruz Community Health.

You can find COVID-19 resources and vaccine information at the Health Services Agency COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage or My Turn.

All COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available at no cost and regardless of insurance status.

Testing

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government. Countywide COVID-19 testing information is available at the Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Testing website.

- Optum Serve Testing Sites: Open 7-days a week in Watsonville (new location), Felton, and Santa Cruz. Click here to sign up for appointments.
- Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. Registration required. Register here.

For individuals taking a COVID-19 rapid antigen test at home, it’s important to follow California Department of Public Health guidelines and test instructions for reporting.

Public Health Reminders

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