Celebrate Lunar New Year and the Super Bowl safely and responsibly!

Some ways to stay safe:
- Wear a face mask when gathering in indoor public spaces.
- Get vaccinated and boosted.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus

COVID-19 Case Trends – Surge is Declining

COVID-19 case rates continue to increase 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 possible decreasing trend.

- Reproductive number median estimate is hovering around 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.

Mask Resources
Public Health recommends that everyone upgrade their masks (see graphic). Click here for CDPH resources on how to get the most out of masking.

- Organizations throughout the county that serve vulnerable populations and communities are beginning to receive masks for distribution.
- The CA Office of Emergency Services now has high-grade masks and hand sanitizer to supply urgent health and safety services.

Vaccinations
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides information on COVID-19 vaccines for children. Click below:
- Vaccines for Children and Teens
- Vaccine Info for Children 5-11 years old

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

NEW! The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine received full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for use.

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, Felton, and Santa Cruz. Click here to sign up for appointments.
  - On 2/9, the Watsonville site will move to 500 Westridge Drive in Watsonville.
- Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 9am-3pm. Registration required. Link to 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.