Good news: COVID-19 case rates are decreasing, though the Omicron surge is not quite over. Santa Cruz Public Health continues to focus on prevention and community and healthcare system preparedness.

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

1. Reproduction number is below 1, which indicates the spread of COVID-19 is slowing.
2. Testing positivity decreased in the last 7 days and is at 2%. Because we are under a 4% positivity rate, we no longer meet the surge indicator.
3. Case rate is 21 per 100,000 residents and has decreased over the last 7 days. We still have a rate of over 14.3 cases per 100k residents and therefore still meet the surge indicator.

Treatments and Therapeutics

Patients today have many treatment options in the battle against COVID-19:

- CDPH COVID-19 Treatments
- FDA Know Your Treatment Options for COVID-19
- HHS COVID-19 Treatment and Therapeutics

How do I access this treatment? It’s important to talk to your doctor with questions regarding the above treatments.

HHS treatment locator: 1-877-332-6585 (English), 1-877-366-0310 (Spanish)

NEW! CDPH School Guidance

- K-12 Schools Reopening Guidance (2021-2022 School Year)
- K-12 Universal Masking Requirements.
- Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 Setting.

Testing/Vaccinations

Countywide COVID-19 information is available at the Santa Cruz County COVID-19 website.

- Testing: Optum Serve Testing Sites:
  Open 7 days a week in Watsonville, Felton, and Santa Cruz. Click here to sign up for appointments.
- Vaccines: Public Health has clinics open 5 days a week in Watsonville, and Ben Lomond. Click here to find one near you.

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

Public Health Reminders

- It is the two year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case in Santa Cruz. We have experienced a lot of growth and pain, but we have come a long way by working together.
- Disaster anniversaries are important because they:
  - Acknowledge, normalize, and respond to painful triggers.
  - Recognize and remember losses associated with the disaster.
  - Assess accomplishments while promoting resilience and healing.