

Santa Cruz County Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Executive Summary 3/11/2022

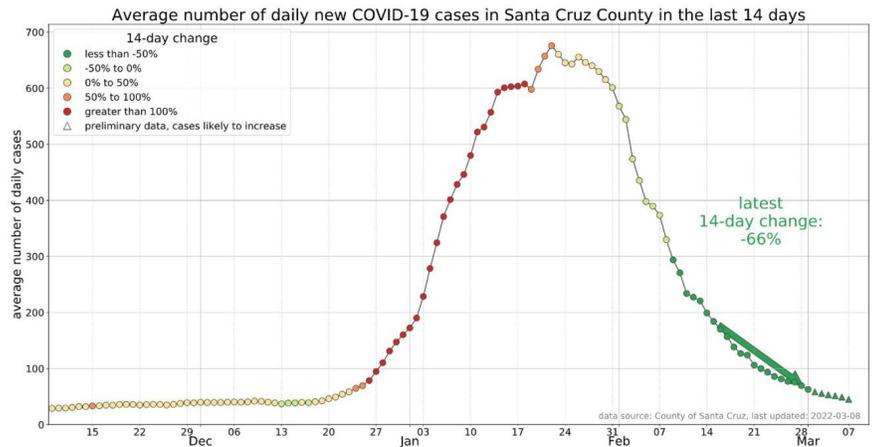


COVID-19 Case Trends – Treatments and Therapeutics

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)



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](#).

! 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](#)



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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.

