COVID-19 Case Trends – On the Rise

The COVID-19 Delta Variant is active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country. This strain is much more infectious than the original strain of COVID-19 previously seen in our community.

- As of 8/11, data modeling shows a 141% increase in cases. Now averaging 30 cases per day, increasing faster than ever.
- Past surges have lasted 3–4 months. Based on how the Delta variant’s trend, we expect this surge to last through October.
- Hospitalizations are expected to increase. Hospitals are full, but not all are due to COVID–19 cases. Hospital capacity is impacted by significant healthcare staffing shortages.
- Case Trends: as of 8/12, there are 687 Active Known Cases. New cases are typically...
  - Acquiring COVID–19 through community–transmission.
  - North County residents, White/Caucasian, 25–50 year olds.

State Public Health Officer Orders

- On 8/5/2021, this Order was released requiring the complete vaccination of Health Care workers by 9/30/2021.
- On 8/5/2021, this Order was issued outlining the requirements for visitors in acute health care and long-term care settings.
- On 8/11/2021, this Order was provided regarding vaccine verification for workers in schools.

Vaccinations & Testing

In addition to local health partners providing weekly vaccination and testing, the Public Health continues to support through weekly vaccination pop-up clinics and access to Optum Serve Testing Sites available at no-cost to the community.

- HSA COVID–19 Testing Resources & Site Locations
- HSA COVID–19 Vaccine Resources & Data

Upcoming Pop–Up Clinics

- **August 15th** - Back–to–School Fair & COVID Vaccine Clinics | San Lorenzo Valley Elementary & Parajo Valley High School | 11-4pm
- **August 15th** - Las Lomas Resource Fair | 11am-5pm
- **August 18th** - CZU Lightning Complex Remembrance Event @ the Brookdale Lodge | 5-8pm

Additional clinics and clinic details can be found at the COVID–19 Vaccine Pop–Up Calendar.

Public Health Reminders

- Wear a face covering in indoor settings and crowded outdoor settings.
- Stay home when feeling sick
- Get tested when experiencing symptoms.
- We will get through this surge, be gentle on yourself in these hard times.

COMING SOON

On 8/13, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) made their official recommendation for mRNA Vaccine Boosters for immunocompromised individuals 18 years and older. Pending use in Santa Cruz County:

- Official Western State Scientific Safety Review Committee recommendation leading to the California Department of Public Health approval.
- Individuals are recommended to refer to their primary care providers.

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