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Delta Variant Circulating in Amador County

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health has confirmed COVID-19 <u>variants</u> circulating in our community. Amador has now identified case clusters of the <u>Delta</u> variant. The Delta variant has been found to be more transmissible and may be more likely to cause severe disease, especially in unvaccinated people. All unvaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public. Even if fully vaccinated, those who are at high-risk for severe disease, or who live with someone who has underlying conditions, should strongly consider wearing a mask indoors while in public, as this variant is 75% more contagious.

Because vaccination is the primary protection against the COVID-19 virus, including the more contagious Delta variant, Amador Public Health is offering COVID-19 vaccine at pop-up outreach clinics. Visit the <u>Amador Vaccine Information website</u> to find a clinic near you. Homebound individuals may schedule a nurse home-visit vaccination appointment by calling Amador Public Health at (209) 223-6407.

Individuals who have only received one dose of the two-dose vaccine series do not yet have maximum protection and are encouraged to schedule their second dose appointment. Multiple vaccination opportunities are available within Amador County. Visit the Amador Vaccination Information webpage for more information.

For COVID-19 testing, the OptumServe COVID-19 test site, located in the rear parking lot of the Health and Human Services building in Sutter Creek, offers testing each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7 am to 3 pm. The clinic will be open Saturday, July 3, 2021 but closed on Monday, July 5, 2021, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. COVID-19 testing is free of charge. No appointments are necessary. Test site staff assist with on-site registration.