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Amador COVID-19 Cases Increase

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 23 more cases of COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 1,901. The current cases include 10 males and 13 females, 2 children under the age of 18 years, 10 aged 18-49, 7 aged 50-64, 4 age 65 and above; 3 residing in Ione, 4 in Jackson, 1 living in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 9 in Pine Grove, 4 residing in Pioneer, and 2 in Sutter Creek/Amador City. 668 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 2021 to date. Two additional Amador residents required hospitalization over the past week.

Public Health continues to host pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at sites in Amador County. This week an outreach vaccine clinic will be held on Friday, July 23, 2021, at the River Pines Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm. Both the Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson (single-dose) vaccine will be offered at this clinic. Immunization clinics are offered twice a month at Health and Human Services in Sutter Creek on the first and third Tuesdays of the month by appointment. Homebound individuals may schedule a home visit to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (209) 223-6407.

Additional vaccination opportunities are available within Amador County, including local pharmacies. Visit the <u>Amador Vaccination Information</u> webpage or <u>Vaccines.gov</u> website for more information. Individuals who have received only the first dose of the two-dose vaccine series do not yet have maximum protection and are urged to schedule their second-dose appointment as soon as possible. Fully vaccinated people without any symptoms do not need to quarantine if they are a close contact to a positive case.

Over 34,500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Amador residents to date. 62.8% of eligible Amador County residents, age 12 and over, have had at least one dose of vaccine and over 15,600 are fully vaccinated.

Becoming fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best protection for preventing serious illness and hospitalization. Other protective measures include washing your hands often and, if you are sick, stay away from others and get tested. Because of the rise in cases and the more contagious Delta variant circulating in Amador, even vaccinated people who are at high-risk for severe disease, or who live with someone who is unvaccinated, should strongly consider wearing a mask indoors while in public. People are more likely to get infected and spread the virus when indoors. Wearing masks indoors adds a layer of protection and can reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections. Everyone exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and be tested. No-cost COVID-19 testing is still available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays in the rear parking lot of the Health and Human Services building in Sutter Creek from 7 am to 3 pm.