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## **High COVID-19 Transmission in Amador**

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 80 more cases of COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 2,038. The current cases include 38 males and 42 females, 11 children under the age of 18 years, 41 aged 18-49, 14 aged 50-64, 14 age 65 and above; 22 residing in Ione, 20 in Jackson, 5 living in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 10 in Pine Grove, 7 residing in Pioneer, 14 in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 2 in residing in Volcano. 804 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 2021 to date. Of the new cases this week, 18 were vaccinated.

Five Amador residents are currently hospitalized locally with COVID-19, in addition to 3 residents of other counties. The age range of residents requiring hospitalization is significantly lower than previous weeks. Currently the youngest hospitalized individual is in their 30s. Over the last several weeks, over half of the cases in Amador have been in persons under the age of 50. The transmission rate of COVID-19 in Amador is high as documented on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data tracking map. Because of the rise in cases and the more contagious Delta variant circulating, to keep your family and those who are most vulnerable safe, it is recommended that everyone wear a mask indoors in public places in alignment with CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommendations.

Becoming fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best protection for preventing serious illness and hospitalization. Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 4, 2021, a vaccine pop-up clinic will be offered at First 5 Amador in Jackson from 9 am to 12 pm. On Friday, August 6, 2021, another vaccine outreach clinic will be held from 9 am to 12 pm at Pokerville Market in Plymouth. Next week's pop-up clinic will be located at The Oaks in Ione on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 10 am to 12 pm. Both the Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson (single-dose) vaccine will be offered at each pop-up site, no appointment is necessary.

Immunization clinics are also offered twice a month at Health and Human Services 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 at local pharmacies. Visit the <a href="Vaccines.gov">Vaccines.gov</a> 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. Those who are beyond the recommended date for their second dose do not need to re-start the vaccine series.

Over 35,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Amador residents to date. 64.2% of eligible Amador County residents, age 12 and over, have had at least one dose of vaccine and 15,970 are fully vaccinated.

Everyone exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and be tested. No-cost COVID-19 testing is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 7 am to 3 pm. Register for testing at the <a href="hit-care"><u>lhi.care</u></a> website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. Those who are pre-registered are prioritized.