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COVID-19 Surge in Amador

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 156 more cases of COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 2,193. The current cases include 78 males and 78 females; 26 children under the age of 18 years, 79 aged 18-49, 27 aged 50-64, 24 age 65 and above; 33 residing in Lone, 35 in Jackson, 19 living in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 17 in Pine Grove, 12 residing in Pioneer, 36 in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 4 residing in Volcano. 959 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 2021 to date. Of the new cases this week, 33 were vaccinated.

Amador continues to see a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases and hospital and intensive care unit (ICU) admissions, requiring the activation of surge plans to accommodate these patients. Eleven Amador residents are currently hospitalized locally with COVID-19, in addition to 3 residents of other counties. One Amador teenager with an underlying condition is currently hospitalized out-of-county with COVID pneumonia. Of those hospitalized, all but one are unvaccinated. Because of the high level of community transmission and the more contagious Delta variant circulating in Amador and the surrounding region, to keep families and those 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. On Thursday, August 12, 2021, a vaccine pop-up clinic will be offered at the Sutter Terrace Homeowners Association, located at 17 El Terrado in Sutter Creek, from 10 am to 1 pm. Next week, on Friday, August 20, 2021, another vaccine outreach clinic will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in Amador City at 14167 Main Street. Both the Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson (single-dose) vaccine will be offered at each pop-up site. No appointment is necessary.

In addition to the outreach clinics, immunization clinics are 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. COVID-19 vaccine is available at local pharmacies. Visit the [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) 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. None of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for additional booster doses.

Over 35,600 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Amador residents to date. 65.1% of eligible Amador County residents, age 12 and over, have had at least one dose of vaccine and over 16,000 are fully vaccinated.

Everyone exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and be tested. No-cost COVID-19 testing now has expanded hours and is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 7 am to 7 pm. Register for testing at the lhi.care website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. Those who are pre-registered are prioritized.