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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 131 more individuals with COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 2,879. Of the new cases this week, 107 were unvaccinated. The current cases include 32 children under the age of 18 years, 57 aged 18-49, 26 aged 50-64, 16 age 65 and above; 44 residing in Ione, 43 in Jackson, 4 living in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 13 in Pine Grove, 12 residing in Pioneer, 13 in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 2 residing in Volcano. 1,645 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 2021 to date. Investigation has also confirmed 2 additional deaths due to COVID-19. The individuals who passed were a female in her 60s and a male in his 90s.

Six Amador community members are currently hospitalized locally with COVID-19, in addition to 4 from other counties. Of those hospitalized, only one is fully-vaccinated. The vaccine continues to be very effective in preventing serious illness and death. Within the last week, 2 breakthrough fully-vaccinated community members were briefly hospitalized, did not require ICU-level care, and were discharged in less than a week.

<u>California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)</u> issued a statement related to the recently released guidance for K-12 school masking and testing requirements. The Motherlode League counties, including <u>Amador</u>, also released orders on extracurricular activities and youth sports endorsing strategic measures to minimize the risk of transmission during these activities with the goal to keep children in classrooms.

No-cost COVID-19 testing will continue to be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 7 am to 7 pm. Register for testing at the Ihi.care website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. Testing demand increase emphasizes the need for pre-booking appointments. OptumServe will accommodate walk-ins on a limited basis dependent upon if space is available. Masks are required at the testing site located at the rear of the Health and Human Services building. Everyone exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and be tested.

On Thursday, September 16th, a COVID-19 vaccine pop-up clinic will be offered at Ione Pharmacy, located at 307 Preston Avenue in Ione from 9 am to 12 pm. On Friday, September 17th, a clinic will be held at Volcano Park, located at 16131 Main Street in Volcano, from 10 am to 1 pm. The Pfizer vaccine, Moderna vaccine, and Johnson and Johnson (single-dose) vaccine will be offered at each pop-up site. No appointment is necessary. To view the calendar of upcoming outreach clinics, visit the Amador COVID-19 Vaccine Information webpage. Public Health also offers vaccines by appointment and to homebound individuals. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (209) 223-6407. COVID-19 vaccine is also available at local pharmacies. Visit the Vaccines.gov website for more information. Over 37,700 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Amador residents to date.