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Amador COVID-19 News

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health (ACPH) reports 36 more individuals with COVID-19 since last Tuesday (81% unvaccinated). Cases include 2 children under 18 years, 18 age 18-49, 9 age 50-64, and 7 age 65 and above. Confirmed cases in 2021 total 2,546. There are currently 48 active cases in isolation. One additional death due to COVID-19 this week, a male in his 50s.

California is closely monitoring the new Omicron variant and has published a <u>fact sheet.</u> To date, this new variant has not been identified in the United States, including California. Vaccination continues to be the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your loved ones. Wearing a mask when indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status, continues to provide another layer of protection.

This week, the no-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Health and Human Services Building (HHS) will be held on Thursday (Dec. 2), Friday (Dec. 3), and Sunday (Dec. 5) from 9 AM to 6 PM. Appointments may be scheduled for any dose of any COVID-19 vaccine by visiting the myturn.ca.gov website or calling 1-833-422-4255. Walk-ins will not be accepted while the site is closed for lunch or after 5:30 PM. To schedule an appointment for a homebound individual call Amador Public Health at (209) 223-6407.

All three COVID-19 vaccines are available for any dose including booster doses.

- Everybody over 18 years is advised to get a booster
- Anyone who received Johnson & Johnson more than two months ago is recommended to get a booster.
- Those who received Pfizer or Moderna are recommended to get their booster at least six months
 after their second dose.
- People may receive a booster shot of either the vaccine they originally received or a different vaccine. Schedule a booster dose appointment at myturn.ca.gov. Please bring your vaccination card, a photo of your card, or digital record that shows the dates of your previous dose(s).

<u>Pediatric</u> Pfizer vaccine is also available for 5 to 11 year old children. Parents who are interested in vaccinating their children should speak with their pediatrician or visit <u>myturn.ca.gov</u> to schedule an appointment. Retail pharmacy availability may be checked at <u>vaccines.gov</u>.

The OptumServe testing site continues to operate on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please register for this no-cost testing at the Ini.care website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. OptumServe will accommodate walk-ins on a limited basis. Masks are required at the testing site. Get tested 1-3 days before a qathering, or prior to any travel, even if you have no symptoms. Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and get tested.