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Amador COVID-19 News

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health (ACPH) reports 44 more individuals with COVID-19 since last Tuesday (45% unvaccinated). Cases include 3 children under 18 years, 24 age 18-49, 10 age 50-64, and 7 age 65 and above. Confirmed cases in 2021 total 2,725. There are currently 58 active cases in isolation. Of those currently hospitalized due to COVID-19, all were unvaccinated except one who received single-dose J&J vaccine 9 months ago and did not receive their booster dose. No additional deaths due to COVID-19 were confirmed this week.

Getting vaccinated is the most effective measure to prevent serious illness, hospitalization or death due to COVID-19. This week, no-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Health and Human Services Building (HHS) will be held today (Tues Dec 28), Sunday (Jan 2), and Tuesday (Jan 4) from 9 AM to 6 PM. Walk-in opportunities may be limited. To ensure an appointment visit the myturn.ca.gov website or call 1-833-422-4255. 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 age 16 and older 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 <u>myturn.ca.gov</u>. Please bring your vaccination card, a photo of your card, or digital record that shows the dates of your previous dose(s).

COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone age 5 and over. Parents who are interested in vaccinating their children may speak with their pediatrician or visit myturn.ca.gov to schedule an appointment. Retail pharmacy availability may be checked at vaccines.gov.

Due to the upcoming New Year's Day holiday, this week the OptumServe testing site will operate on Wednesday, Thursday, and next Monday from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please register for this no-cost testing at the hil.care website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. The site will be closed on Jan 1st. OptumServe will accommodate walk-ins on a limited basis. Masks are required at the testing site. Get tested 1-3 days before a gathering, or before and after travel, even if you have no symptoms. Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and get tested.