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Omicron Variant Detected in Amador

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health (ACPH) confirmed the first case of the omicron variant of COVID-19 in Amador County today. The case was identified in an adult male resident of Amador by routine workplace testing. Genome sequencing identified the omicron variant. Case investigation is in progress and work place contact tracing and testing protocol is underway.

To prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death all individuals age 5 and over should get vaccinated. Anyone 16 or older who received their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago or who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine more than two months ago are encouraged to get a booster dose as soon as possible.

No-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Health and Human Services Building (HHS) will be held 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.

It is important to heed caution and get vaccinated, get a booster dose, wear a mask in indoor public places, and 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.

Due to the upcoming New Year's Day holiday, this week the OptumServe testing site will operate tomorrow, Thursday (Dec 30), and next Monday (Jan 3) from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please register for this no-cost testing at the lhi.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.

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