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Amador COVID-19 News

Amador County, CA – The surge of COVID-19 begins to plateau with 425 currently active cases in Amador County residents. Active case counts include confirmed lab results and supervised antigen tests but do not include self-administered home tests. Dashboard demographics and geographic data are updated on the Amador County website: http://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19.

Sutter Amador Hospital continues to be impacted with sixteen patients hospitalized due to COVID illness, including 3 on ventilators in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) all of whom are unvaccinated. Additionally 2 people who tested positive for COVID are hospitalized for other reasons.

The federal government distributed N-95 masks to three local pharmacy partners: CVS, Safeway, and Walmart. These masks are available for free by request, 3 per person. The federal government continues to offer four free rapid antigen tests to every residential address in the United States. To request these free at-home COVID-19 tests for your household, visit: https://www.covidtests.gov/. If you test positive with an at-home test, please follow current self-isolation guidelines and inform your close contacts to self-quarantine.

COVID-19 testing options within Amador and the surrounding areas are listed on the Amador County <u>Testing Sites website</u>. The local OptumServe testing site operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please register for this no-cost testing at the <u>Ihi.care</u> website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. OptumServe may accommodate walk-ins on a limited basis. Masks are required at the testing site. Anyone with any <u>symptoms</u>, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and test.

COVID-19 vaccines remain very effective against serious illness and death and are available for everyone age 5 and older. No-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinics, located at the Health and Human Services Building, are held on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 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. Retail pharmacy COVID-19 vaccination availability may be checked at vaccines.gov.