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## Amador COVID-19 News

**Amador County, CA** – The surge of COVID-19 is trending downward, but remains high, with 228 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 4 on ventilators in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) all unvaccinated. There are 3 vaccinated but immune-compromised who are in the hospital. Additionally 2 people who tested positive for COVID are hospitalized for other reasons. Another 3 patients are hospitalized out of county.

On February 15, 2022 California's [statewide indoor mask requirement](#) will expire. Unvaccinated people will still be required to wear masks indoors in public settings. Everyone in higher risk settings such as health care facilities and public transit will continue to be required to mask statewide.

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 [Testing Sites website](#). The local OptumServe testing site operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM, with the exception of being closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 for the Presidents' Day holiday. **A make-up testing day will be offered the next day on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** Please register for this no-cost testing at the [lhi.care](#) 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 [symptoms](#), 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 normally held on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM. **The test site will be closed on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** Walk-in opportunities may be limited. To ensure an appointment visit the [myturn.ca.gov](http://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](http://vaccines.gov).