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Amador COVID-19 News

Amador County, CA – The surge of COVID-19 continues to trend down with 139 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 nine patients hospitalized due to COVID illness, including 2 on ventilators in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) both unvaccinated. Over the last two weeks, 4 additional COVID deaths were confirmed, two males in their 70s, one male in his 80s, and one female in her 90s.

California's [statewide indoor mask requirement](#) will expire today. In California, as of tomorrow, February 16, 2022, unvaccinated people will still be required to wear masks indoors in public settings, and everyone in higher risk settings such as health care facilities and public transit will continue to be required to mask statewide. Since Amador County remains at the "high" level of COVID community transmission it is strongly [recommended](#) that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, continue to wear a well-fitting, highly protective mask when indoors in public settings.

The federal government distributed N-95 masks to four local pharmacy partners: CVS, Safeway, Walgreens, 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 site will be closed for vaccines on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** To ensure an appointment visit the myturn.ca.gov website or call 1-833-422-4255. Walk-in opportunities may be limited. 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.