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Amador COVID-19 News

Amador County, CA – The surge of COVID-19 has decreased to 38 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 currently has 9 patients hospitalized due to COVID. Four are Amador County residents, 5 reside elsewhere. Over the last week, 4 additional COVID deaths were confirmed: all females, one in their 60s, two in their 70s, and one in their 80s.

Yesterday, California announced updated <u>masking guidance</u>. Effective today, March 1, 2022, the requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings moved to a strong recommendation that all persons regardless of vaccine status should continue to wear a mask when indoors. After March 11, 2022 the masking requirement in schools and childcare settings will also move to a strong recommendation. In higher risk settings such as health care facilities, including testing and vaccine clinics, masking continues to be required statewide. The federal requirement for wearing masks on public transportation also continues.

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.

To request 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests for your household, visit: https://www.covidtests.gov/. Anyone with any symptoms, even fully vaccinated individuals, should isolate and test. If you test positive, please follow current self-isolation guidelines and inform your close contacts to self-quarantine.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be offered at no-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinics, located at the Health and Human Services Building, on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM. To make an appointment visit the myturn.ca.gov website or call 1-833-422-4255. Walk-ins must arrive before 5:30 PM. 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.