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## **Amador COVID-19 News**

**Amador County, CA** – COVID-19 in Amador has decreased to 7 currently active cases in 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: <u>http://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19</u>. Sutter Amador Hospital currently has 3 patients hospitalized due to COVID. One is an Amador County resident, 2 reside elsewhere. Over the last week, 1 additional COVID death was confirmed: a female in her 60s.

Rapid antigen testing, in addition to PCR testing, is now available at the local OptumServe COVID test site. The Health and Human Services Building test site operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7 AM to 3 PM. Please register for this no-cost testing at the <u>lhi.care</u> website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. OptumServe may accommodate walk-ins on a limited basis. Additional **COVID-19 testing** options within Amador and the surrounding areas are listed on the Amador County <u>Testing Sites website</u>.

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized a <u>second booster dose</u> of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for those at higher risk for severe disease, including those 50 years and older and certain immunocompromised individuals. The second booster may be administered 4 months after the first booster. Following the FDA announcement, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released <u>updated guidance</u> allowing for a second booster dose.

**No-cost COVID-19 vaccine opportunities:** Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of 9 AM to 6 PM hours at the Health and Human Services (HHS) Building. Beginning next week, the HHS vaccine clinics will be on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and Friday afternoons from 1 PM to 4 PM. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine clinic appointment, call Amador Public Health at (209) 223-6407. Appointments may be scheduled for homebound individuals by calling the same number. Retail pharmacy COVID-19 vaccination availability may be checked at <u>vaccines.gov</u>.