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Amador Public Health Update

Amador County, CA – In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, the OptumServe COVID-19 test site at the Health and Human Services building will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022. The site will resume operations on Monday, November 14, 2022 from 7 AM to 3 PM. The test site will also be closed on Friday, November 25, 2022 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Testing will resume the following Monday, November 28, 2022. Register for no-cost testing at the lhi.care website or by calling 1-888-634-1123. OptumServe will accommodate walk-ins but will prioritize appointments. This site includes the “[Test-to-Treat](#)” format where individuals may be tested, assessed by a medical provider, and (if appropriate) prescribed antiviral pills for treatment. Persons should bring a list of all medications and supplements for assessment by the medical provider. PCR test swab collection is available from OptumServe upon request.

The COVID-19 vaccine clinic will also be closed on Thursday afternoon, November 24, 2022 for the Thanksgiving holiday and will resume scheduled operations on Tuesday morning, November 29, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. To schedule a vaccine appointment visit the myturn.ca.gov website or call 1-833-422-4255. Appointments are prioritized; walk-ins must arrive at least ½ hour before the clinic end time. Retail pharmacies also continue to offer COVID vaccines, check the vaccines.gov website for availability. To schedule a vaccination for homebound individuals, call Public Health at (209) 223-6407.

Amador Public Health is monitoring Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) activity as it is increasing in California. RSV is a respiratory virus spread by respiratory droplets and usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in 1-2 weeks without treatment. RSV can be serious, especially in infants and older adults, causing lung infections such as pneumonia or bronchiolitis. Those at greatest risk of severe illness include premature infants, infants 6 months and younger, children under two years old with lung or heart disease, and children with weakened immune systems or who have difficulty swallowing.

Early symptoms of RSV include a runny nose, decrease in appetite, and cough, which may progress to difficulty breathing. Other symptoms can include fever, sneezing, and wheezing. The best ways to protect yourself and your loved ones from RSV:

- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Wash your hands often and disinfect surfaces
- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Stay home if you are sick