



Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

Every level of our nation has been hit hard with the number of cases and deaths from COVID-19, the overall impact

Population	COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Deaths	
United State (328.2 Million)	29,004,238	8.83%	525,213	.16%
California (39.5 Million)	3,446,611	8.86%	54,124	.14%
Mendocino County (86,749)	3,854	4.44%	44	.05%

The current data shows that Mendocino County is progressing well in our efforts to minimize the exposure and spread of the virus. However we continue to see new cases, currently there are 45 people isolating in their homes, 3 in the hospital (this includes 2 out of county 1 in the ICU and 1 in Med Surge), 3,762 individuals have recovered, and 44 people have passed away, resulting in the overall total number of cases as 3,854. We continue to expand our effort and while we are seeing a reduction in cases we are still in the purple tier. The average number of daily cases has dropped to 3.57 cases per seven day average and the testing positivity rate is 2.7 cases per 100,000 tests.

Currently there are no outbreaks under investigation through Mendocino County Public Health, however we need to remain vigilant.

Testing throughout California continues to be see significant decreases, and while Mendocino County is testing better than most counties we are currently only using our Optum Resources an average of 72% of the allocated tests, keep in mind this is with the decrease in overall testing, so this is a significant decrease. Lack of testing impacts our ability to ensure containment and timely response to the virus whereby outbreaks occur. Optum Serve Sites will be operating as follows:

Event	Days	Hours
Ukiah – Redwood Empire Fairgrounds	Saturday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ft. Bragg – Veterans Hall	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rotation : Boonville, Covelo, Laytonville, Point Arena, Willits (order of rotation is pending)	Friday (3/12 - 189 N. Main St., Willits)	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Vaccines continue to be distributed throughout Mendocino County. To date 33,318 vaccines have been recorded at the State level for Mendocino County to more than 22,000 individuals, resulting in more than 31.3% of Mendocino County residents over the age of 16 having received the vaccine. Mendocino County received its first shipment of Jansen a one-dose vaccine and will be evaluating the best use of this resource within our community. Mendocino County has opened to all individuals in Phases 1a and 1b all tiers therein, and has added a mobile testing unit for those individuals that are homebound.

Events this week include:

Date	Location	Eligible Population
March 9, 2021 9:00 – 3:00pm	Ukiah Fairgrounds	1 st Dose – open to Phase 1A & 1B
March 10, 2021 9:00 – 11:00am	Ukiah Fairgrounds	2 nd Dose Moderna (1 st dose on or before Feb. 12, 2021)
March 11, 2021 1:00 – 5:00 pm	Ukiah Fairgrounds	2 nd Dose Pfizer (1 st dose on or before Feb. 18, 2021)
March 13, 2021 10:00 – 5:00 pm	Ukiah Fairgrounds	2 nd Dose Pfizer (1 st dose on or before Feb. 20, 2021)

Schools are working to reopen, Ukiah Unified School District, Fort Bragg Unified School District, Leggett Schools, Willits Unified, Mendocino School District Laytonville School District, Anderson Valley School District, Round Valley School District, Potter Valley School District and City of Ten Thousand Buddha’s have all submitted Safe Reopening Plans and Safety Checklists. Thereby supporting their reopening and providing them technical assistance. Given our current positivity rate, many of the school districts are planning on re-opening the upper grades in the next two weeks.

Mendocino County is clearly moving in the right direction, community members are encouraged to continue masking, social distancing and regular hand washing in effort to continue on this path of decreasing cases and supporting our community in moving forward.

The Department Operations Center Manager reports the Great Plates program has just been approved through April 7, 2021. The program is has expanded to include 7 restaurants serving, 57% of which are minority owned. The program has served 1,071 members of our community, providing 266,277 meals. Since the last Board of Supervisors update we have received and approved 29 new applications and added 2 restaurants. The program to date has generated \$7,255,630 To apply for the program call 463-7900 or 1-877-327-1799.

The Call Center is continuing to support the event, answering questions, clarifying tiers, and helping people without internet to sign up for My Turn, as well as taking calls for service. In February there were 34 calls for service, 21 were masking related, 9 were reported concerns regarding restaurants, 2 were related to gyms, and 2 were of non-specific. Throughout the event we have continued to

distribute these calls to our response unit and partners to ensure follow-up and education. To date we have answered and forward 292 calls for service.