



Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

Worldwide, in the USA and in CA the pandemic seems to be coming under better control with the increase of immunity from vaccines and natural response to the infection. However, the Delta variant is spreading and we are seeing pockets of increases, especially where vaccine levels are lowest.

Population	COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19 Deaths	
United State (328.2 Million)	33,857,814	10.3%	607,178	.18%
California (39.5 Million)	3,733,743	9.5%	63,472	.16%
Mendocino County (86,749)	4429	5%	50	.057%

Mendocino County’s testing positivity rate is 2.3%

New cases averaged 5.65 day/100,000 also increased. Currently there are 36 people isolating in their homes, and 19 are in Quarantine.

There are currently 7 people in the hospital. Two are not a Mendocino residents. 4 are in med/surge; while 3 are in ICU, of which one is in Sonoma Couty. 50 people have passed away, unchanged from last meeting.

This high case rate seems to have leveled off. Our hospital partners to are not resource stretched.

We are seeing Graduation and July 4 celebrations cases coming in now and vacation/travel plans ahead. This situation , first seen in Northern California is now seen statewide. CDPH agreed to extend our access to the Contact Investigators and Contact Tracers, though many workers have to return to pre-covid duties. We are shifting the vaccination activities to the clinics and hospitals more though we have utilized the state resources for some testing and vaccination .

We have no formal outbreaks but are seeing a steady increase in community spread. Nearly all current cases have been in UNvaccinated people.

The DELTA, more transmissible, possibly more virulent, variant has been identified in Mendocino County. And is rapidly becoming the dominant variant here and statewide. The state is now sequencing 100% of positive PCR tests and we are developing a program to expedite the sequencing of high risk samples in order to increase the Intensity of Contact Tracing.

To address the resistance of some to our contact tracers we have developed a letter to serve those who refuse.

Testing remains low but we have been able to maintain the current availability in Ukiah Saturday through Thursday; in Fort Bragg on Tuesdays; and the travelling team regularly visits smaller communities.

As of July 12, 2021 **89,974** vaccines have been recorded at the State level for Mendocino County. This represents full vaccination of **59.4%** of our population over 12 years old and **67.9%** are at least partially vaccinated. Others (at least partially vaccinated):

Quartile 1 (least resources)	61%		12-17 years old	33.6%
Quartile 2 (next least resourced)	65%		18-49 years old	57.4%
Caucasian-non hispanic	64%		50-65 years old	78.6%
Hispanic	52.3%		65+ years old	76%

We are holding vaccine clinic regularly on Fridays at the Ukiah Fairgrounds, allowing walk-ins and having choice available at each event. We are holding special events with our team or with the State as needed.

However, Our hospital and clinic partners the trusted sources for vaccinating Their communities are stepping up with vaccines available for patients and walk-ins and they are coordinating a special vaccine event throughout the county today.

In Summary, we are continuing to have high case rates due to community spread driven by DELTA variant -- primarily among those who are not vaccinated. Vaccinations are ongoing with clinic partners stepping up more in their offices. The pace is slower now but we continue to address through health education.

Full in-person school is planned for this fall.