



# Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

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TO: Board of Supervisors  
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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)	28,185,469	8.59%	500,176	.15%
California ( 39.5 Million)	3,446,611	8.73%	49,398	.13%
Mendocino County (86,749)	3,790	4.37%	43	.05%

The current data shows that Mendocino County is above the curve in our efforts to minimize the exposure and spread of the virus however we continue to see new cases, currently there are 78 people isolating in their homes, 5 in the hospital (2 of which are in the ICU), 3,664 individuals have recovered, and 43 people have passed away, resulting in the overall total number of cases as 3,790. 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 cases is currently 16 cases per seven day average and the testing positivity rate is 5.6 cases per 100,000 tests.

Mendocino County is currently responding to an outbreak at Mountain View Senior housing where there have been 23 residents and 7 staff that have tested positive with two residents passing away. This outbreak is largely attributed to delays in testing results, Mountain View has changed their lab services in response and are now receiving results in two days rather than seven days. This significantly improves their ability to mitigate further spread.

Testing continues to be a challenge throughout Mendocino, but is continuing at Optum Serve, starting next week they will be changing their days and hours as follows:

Event	Days	Hours
Ukiah – Redwood Empire Fairgrounds	Sunday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ft. Bragg – Veterans Hall	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rotation : Boonville, Covelo, Laytonville, Point Arena, Willits (order of rotation is pending)	Friday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Vaccines continue to be distributed throughout Mendocino County. To date more than 22,000 vaccines have been administered to more than 14,000 individuals, resulting in more than 20% of Mendocino County residents over the age of 16 having received the vaccine. Mendocino County will be expanding the availability to include those over 65 years of age.

Schools are beginning to reopen, Ukiah Unified School District, Fort Bragg Unified School District and Leggett Schools have all submitted Safe Reopening Plans and Safety Checklists. Thereby supporting their reopening and providing them technical assistance. The level of requirement for reopening vary by grade level. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade require less than 25 cases per day, whereas 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above require 14 or less cases per day.

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.