



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)	30,755,089	9.4%	555,273	.17%
California (39.5 Million)	3,582,463	9.07%	58,534	.15%
Mendocino County (86,749)	3958	4.56%	46	.05%

The current data shows that Mendocino County is progressing well in our efforts to minimize the exposure and spread of the virus with overall cases continuing to decrease. Currently there are 22 people isolating in their homes, 3 in the hospital (this includes 1 out of county in the ICU and 2 in Med Surge), and 46 people have passed away, resulting in the overall total number of cases as 3,958. We are finding that the cases are predominantly community spread.

We moving to Orange Tier, as of Wednesday, as a result of the shift in the metrics based on increased vaccine distribution throughout the State. This is at least one full week earlier than projected based on our case numbers. The shift to the orange tier allows for increase in indoor activities for: places of worship; museums; retail stores; grocery stores; and restaurants including wineries, breweries, and distilleries that serve food. It aligns with the red tier for small indoor gatherings of up to 3 people though it is discouraged, especially for those households with vulnerable people.

Currently there is one outbreak that is winding down at Ukiah Post-Acute, and CDPH will be conducting an onsite visit today of the facility to provide additional technical supports. We continue to work with these partners to ensure access to vaccines for all staff and residents, especially as new residents are admitted that have not yet had vaccines, though in most situations the introduction of COVID has been through staff, often staff that are unvaccinated.

We have had a situation at Fiddleheads Restaurant in Mendocino, they were fined previously for non-compliance and last week advertised a 50% discount for patrons not masking.

Testing throughout California continues to be low, with Mendocino continuing to be at the higher end of the testing throughout the state but our rate is holding around 70%. School reopening plans do support an increase in testing and sports programs require increased testing for coaches and athletes. The proposal for the State traveling testing team has been approved to visit two sites in one day and started these events last Friday, April 2.

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 : Point Arena/Boonville, Laytonville/Willits, Gualala/Boonville, Round Valley/Willits	Friday 4/9 is set for Laytonville/Willits	Location 1 – 9:00 - 12:00 Location 2 – 2:00 – 5:00

This past week we received notice of four variants found in Mendocino County, two of which are the West Coast variants B1427 and B1428, both of which are prevalent in California. These variants are of concern as they have a higher transmission rate showing an increased 20% transmission. We will be sending random samples to the Solano lab, however they are still in the quality control phase for these testing procedures.

Vaccines continue to be distributed throughout Mendocino County. As of April 5th, 57,393 vaccines have been recorded at the State level for Mendocino County, this is an increase of over 15,000 vaccines in two weeks. Outreach has been increased for agriculture and food industry supports. As well as increase in access with the allowance for all individuals over 50 years of age as of April 1, we are continuing to administer all available vaccines. We will see further engagement as access will open fully to all individuals over 16 years of age as of April 15th.

The Vaccine team is working diligently to administer vaccines to all eligible individuals. We are engaging schools and partnering with the Mendocino County Office of Education to make vaccines available to students over 16 years of age as well as their adult family members. The mobile testing unit continues to support nursing homes, homebound, inmates and other smaller groups. This past week they partnered with a local church to provide additional outreach to our community members. Through these efforts Mendocino County is ranked 3rd overall in the State for fully vaccinated first quartile HPI.

Vaccine supplies are expected to be stable for the next 2-3 weeks, with a projected increase thereafter in all three approved vaccines. This will be a progressive increase in vaccines between now and June. Mendocino County partners are signing agreements with Blue Shield for vaccine access and distribution. We hope this will make accounting and ordering easier for our clinic partners. Also on the State level My Turn is continuing to making improvements, addressing access both online and telephonically.

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 May 2021. The program is has expanded to include 8 restaurants serving, 57% of which are minority owned. The program has served 847 members of our community, providing 307,829 meals. The program to date has generated \$8,630,086. This averages to approximately \$34 per person per day. To apply for the program call 463-7900 or 1-877-327-1799.