



Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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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)	33,371,667	10.2%	597,840	.18%
California (39.5 Million)	3,690,868	9.3%	62,473	.16%
Mendocino County (86,749)	4239	4.8%	50	.057%

Mendocino County's testing positivity rate is 4.5 consistent with the orange tier, and new positive cases are now 6.78/day/100,000 consistent with the red tier. We continue to be held "in adjudication" in the Yellow tier. Currently there are 45 people isolating in their homes, while 46 are in Quarantine. There are no currently 6 hospitalizations: in Ukiah Valley 2 are in med/surge; one post partum who tested positive is also on med/surge; 2 are in ICU: 1 is in SF with a stroke who had been hospitalized and released with Covid. 50 people have passed away, the most recent being an 80 year old Native American woman.

We recognize that we are in a surge at this time, though it may have stabilized in the last week. It is still a threat that could explode, especially with Father's day, July 4 celebrations and vacation/travel plans ahead. We have been having conversations with the CDPH who have agreed to extend our access to the Contact Investigators and Contact tracers so we can continue the high quality activity of our team. They have also offered assistance with testing and vaccination resources under the circumstances. We are also re-convening our hospital partners weekly surge calls to coordinate and prepare.

There are no current outbreaks or open cases associated with schools. Schools are having their graduation ceremonies this week and some will have summer school. Current plans are for full in-person teaching in the fall. .

Testing throughout California is low and In Mendocino County the traveling testing team as well as fixed site in Ukiah and the fixed weekly site in Fort Bragg are under-utilized.

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 6/11 is scheduled for Gualala and Boonville	Location 1 – 9:00 - 12:00 Location 2 – 2:00 – 5:00

We have not had any new reports of variants. However, we have discovered a few of the UK variant and one of the Brazil strain. The state has created COVID NET to get variant testing of all positive tests and I have requested that they focus on our county as well as other Northern California counties who are also surging to ascertain if this is due to variants.

Vaccines continue to be distributed throughout Mendocino County. As of April June 7, 2021 83,942 vaccines have been recorded at the State level for Mendocino County. This represents 64.5% of our population over 12 years old are at least partially vaccinated and 54.6% are fully vaccinated. Equity metrics show we are doing well with our least resourced communities and the percent Hispanic population vaccinated is catching up to our Caucasian population. I am concerned that the 18-49 year age group is only 53% partially vaccinated and the age groups 50 and above seem to have stalled in the last week.

Our vaccine team has found that the large vaccine events are not efficient and are having multiple smaller event per day all around the County, with 18 scheduled this week. We have adequate supply and all those over 12 years old are eligible. We allow walk-ins and have a choice available at each clinic. As the eligibility has gone to all who are over 12 years old we have encouraged our clinic partners to offer the vaccines to patients as they come through for routine visits. Most of our FQHS partners have been doing this for some time and we have been told that MCHC and the Adventist clinics will soon start.

To combat hesitancy we have increased our Outreach and education and this week, coinciding with the State's "Call To Action Week" we have billboards going up and 10 original PSAs and a music video being distributed.

The hard work of our teams must continue to control this surge and to vaccinate our community.