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Healthy People, Healthy Communities



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Mendocino County's **testing positivity** rate has increased to **6.3%, with testing rates at 387/100,000/day**. New **daily case** average is 50% higher than 2 weeks ago: **20.5 day/100,000**. There are currently **8 Mendocino residents in Mendocino hospitals**. One more is from out-of-County. Two Mendocino residents are in out-of-county hospitals for a higher level of care. We have 3 COVID patients in our County Intensive Care Units, but only **1 staffed ICU bed available today (11/3/21)**.

Total COVID cases are now 7,724; of these **2,856** are Hispanic (disproportionately high)
89 Mendocino residents have passed away, 3 more than 3 wks ago.

Testing is ongoing but we would be in better shape with more testing to contain this pandemic.

Drop boxes are set up at the Public Health offices in Ft Bragg, Willits, and Ukiah for PCR tests to be sent to state lab. This saves time and money for the schools and clinics.

Monoclonal antibodies in Mendocino are being administered at AHUV, AHMC and Round Valley Indian Health Center, at a rate of about 12 per week total for the whole county. These must be administered to mildly symptomatic people with increased risk within 10 (preferably 7) days of symptom onset.

Outbreaks are resolving; in one Skilled Nursing Home (Redwood Cove), and one Hospital (AHUV) and Round Valley numbers are much lower, with days of no new cases. Sherwood Oaks outbreak is resolved.

Vaccines: Moderna and J&J boosters have been approved in addition to Pfizer. We are giving or confirming vaccination plans for our SNFs, Long Term Care and smaller residential facilities. The uptake of 3rd **doses** and **Boosters** in Mendocino and the State has been less than expected.

Vaccines for 5-11 year olds should be approved by CDPH by 11/5/21. We have received some of the doses (a smaller dose than adults receive). Children under 12 can receive vaccinations from their regular health care provider, FQHCs, and pharmacies. In addition, Public Health is organizing clinics at some elementary schools upon a school district's request.

As of November 3, 2021 **116,637 total doses** have been administered to 81.6% of those over 12 years: This is **72.5%** of eligible (over 12 years old) are **fully vaccinated**. This number will decrease (by about 7%) after 11/10/21 as those from 5-11 years old are added to the denominator. From an Equity perspective, our least resourced, Quartile 1 have 80.8% fully vaccinated. In Quartile 2 only 68.7% are fully vaccinated. Hispanic vaccination rates is 60.2% fully vaccinated and the non-Hispanic white population is 68.6%. This disparity between Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites is decreasing. The uptake in all age groups is increasing-but very slowly. Those between 18-49 years old less vaccinated than the state, while vaccination rates of those over 50 years old exceed the state averages. Our regular vaccine events at the Fairgrounds in Ukiah and at Public Health in Willits and Ft Bragg are going well. We are making flu vaccines available at these sites. Vaccines are also available through the FQHCs, Rural and Hospital clinics and pharmacies.

In summary, after the decline of Delta, we are seeing a **new wave**. To prevent a surge, we must encourage more vaccines, including primary series, 3rd doses, boosters and now for children (5-11 years old).