

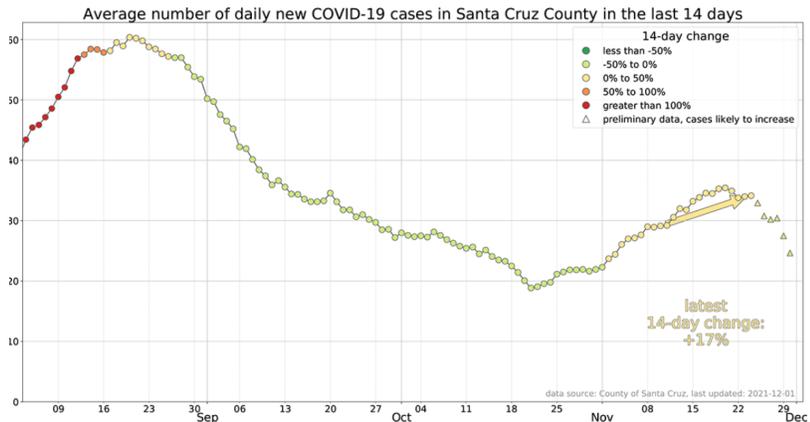
Santa Cruz County Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Executive Summary 12/1/2021



COVID-19 Case Trends - Cases on the Rise

COVID-19 case rates have been increasing in Santa Cruz County. To reduce spread of COVID-19, it is now recommended that all individuals 5+ receive the COVID-19 vaccine and wear a mask in indoor settings.

- As of 12/1/21, data shows a +17% change in average number of cases in the last 14 days, compared to two weeks ago when it was at a -15% change.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU utilization, and daily death rate are no longer declining and are projected to be constant or increasing over the next few weeks.
- Majority of known cases since 7/1/2021 were exposed in the community (60.53%) or household (22.31%).
- The [Local Demographics Dashboard](#) shows that among active cases, the most number of cases are in the 25-34 age range (20.56%), followed by the 35-44 age range (16.11%).
- Two additional deaths attributed to COVID-19 were recently reported. Both were unvaccinated. The County offers its condolences to the families.



Testing

Testing Appointment Information is available at the [Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Testing Website](#). The Mobile Testing Bus has updated their schedule:

- **Santa Cruz City:** Open Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm by appointment only at the Depot Freight building (119 Center Street).
- **Felton:** Friday-Tuesday from 10am-6pm at the Mountain Resource Center.
- **Ramsay Park:** Open Wednesday-Sunday from 7am-6:45pm.

Appointments for all locations are preferred and can be found at the [Optum Serve Website](#), [click here for an appointment](#).

Vaccinations

On 11/19/21, [California Department of Public Health recommends COVID-19 Vaccine Booster](#) doses for those who have completed a primary series and meet the following criteria:

- A booster dose for those who received a Pfizer or Moderna primary series is recommended if you:
 - Received your second dose at least 6 months ago,
 - Are 18 years or older
- A booster dose for those who received a Johnson and Johnson is recommended if you:
 - Received your first dose at least 2 months ago,
 - Are 18 years or older

To schedule an appointment or find a walk-in clinic in Santa Cruz County, visit the [HSA COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#) or [My Turn](#).

Omicron Variant Information

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a [fact sheet](#) on the Omicron variant; Santa Cruz County Public Health is closely monitoring the situation.

Don't panic but focus on...

1. Getting vaccinated and boosted
2. Wearing your mask in indoor settings
3. Getting tested if you have symptoms
4. Staying home if you are sick



Public Health Reminders

- [Spread Joy, not COVID-19](#) this holiday season. CDPH has created helpful tools to on reducing the spread of COVID-19 throughout the winter season.
- **Seasonal Influenza** season is here. Now is the time to get the flu shot from your healthcare provider or local pharmacy.
- Click [here to schedule a flu or vaccine appointment](#) using the My Turn website.