

# Santa Cruz County Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Executive Summary 3/25/2022



## COVID-19 Case Trends – Treatments and Therapeutics

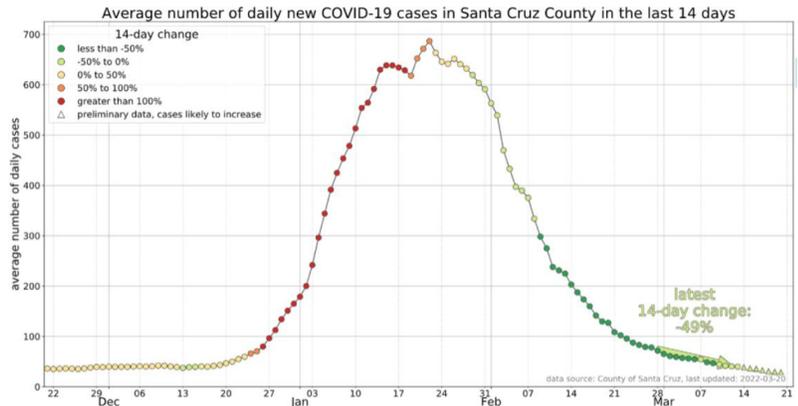
The Omicron surge is over! We can all breathe a sigh of relief. That said, COVID-19 is still in the community, just circulating at a lower rate. So continue to take precautions to protect yourself and those around you.

The 14-day change graph to the right indicates a flattening and decreasing trend.

We now meet **ZERO** internal CDPH surge indicators.

- The case rate is below 12.8 per 100,000 residents and decreased over the past 7 days. Since we have a rate under 14.3 cases per 100k residents, we do not meet this surge indicator.

**CDC Community indicators** indicate that we are now at a level “Low.”



## Treatments and Therapeutics

### Know Your Treatment Options for COVID-19

There are more treatment options available now for COVID-19. While most people do not need treatment, treatments can prevent hospitalization and death for at-risk individuals. **Talk to your healthcare provider** about treatment options if you are at-risk of serious illness and interested in a preventative treatment OR if you are at-risk and test positive for COVID-19.

Treatments are not a substitute for vaccination. Vaccination remains the safest, most effective way to protect you from COVID-19. **Treatments must be started early, so don't delay testing.** Here is information on 6 available COVID-19 treatments.

	Evusheld	Paxlovid	Molnupiravir	Sotrovimab	Bebtelovimab	Remdesivir
Who is eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 12+</li> <li>People <b>without</b> COVID infection or recent exposure</li> <li><b>AND</b> are</li> <li>Immune compromised, have received treatment that lowers the immune system, <b>OR</b> can't get vaccinated due to severe allergic reaction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 12+</li> <li>People with COVID <b>AND</b> are</li> <li>Immune compromised <b>OR</b> at highest risk of serious illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 18+</li> <li>People with COVID at-risk of serious illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 12+</li> <li>People with COVID <b>AND</b> are</li> <li>Immune compromised <b>OR</b> at highest risk of serious illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 12+</li> <li>People with COVID <b>AND</b> are</li> <li>Immune compromised <b>OR</b> at highest risk of serious illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults and children over 3.5 kg (8 lbs.)</li> <li><b>Not Yet Hospitalized</b> COVID patients</li> </ul>
When must it be started?	Before infection to help prevent getting COVID	Within 5 days from start of symptoms	Within 5 days from start of symptoms	Within 7 days from start of symptoms	Within 7 days from start of symptoms	Within 7 days from start of symptoms
How is it given?	Shots	Pills taken orally for 5 days	Pills taken orally for 5 days	One-time Intravenous Infusion (IV)	One-time Intravenous Infusion (IV)	Once daily Intravenous Infusion (IV) for 3 days
Where can it be given?	Healthcare facility	Home	Home	Medical infusion site	Medical infusion site	Medical infusion site

For more information, visit: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/know-your-treatment-options-covid-19> 3/23/22



## Testing/ Vaccinations



Countywide COVID-19 information is available at the [Santa Cruz County COVID-19 website](#).

- Testing:** [Optum Serve Testing Sites](#): Open 7 days a week in Watsonville, Felton, and Santa Cruz. [Click here](#) to sign up for appointments.
- Vaccines:** Public Health has sunset all COVID-19 clinics as of 3/27/22. Please refer to [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 Vaccination.

You can find COVID-19 resources and vaccine information at the [Health Services Agency COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#).



## Public Health Reminders

- 3/27 was the last vaccine clinic at the Watsonville Vaccine Center.
  - Over 20,000 vaccines were administered at this site! This could not have been accomplished without help from the City of Watsonville, Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Community Action Board and Community Bridges.
- Santa Cruz County no longer meets the surge indicators! Take a moment to celebrate and congratulate yourself on the hard work we've accomplished by working together.



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