

# Health Services Agency DOC COVID-19 Response Executive Summary

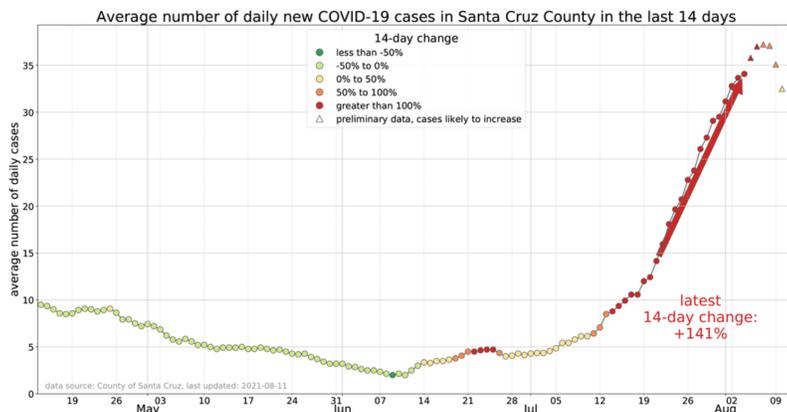
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08/13/2021  
ACTIVATION LEVEL: 2



## COVID-19 Case Trends - On the Rise

The COVID-19 Delta Variant is active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country. This strain is much more infectious than the original strain of COVID-19 previously seen in our community.

- As of 8/11, data modeling shows a 141% increase in cases. Now averaging 30 cases per day, increasing faster than ever.
- Past surges have lasted 3-4 months. Based on how the Delta variant's trend, we expect this surge to last through October.
- Hospitalizations are expected to increase. Hospitals are full, but not all are due to COVID-19 cases. Hospital capacity is impacted by significant healthcare staffing shortages
- Case Trends: as of 8/12, there are 687 Active Known Cases. New cases are typically...
  - Acquiring COVID-19 through community-transmission.
  - North County residents, White/Caucasian, 25-50 year olds.



## State Public Health Officer Orders

- On 8/5/2021, this [Order](#) was released requiring the complete vaccination of **Health Care workers** by 9/30/2021.
- On 8/5/2021, this [Order](#) was issued outlining the requirements for **visitors in acute health care and long-term care settings**.
- On 8/11/2021, this [Order](#) was provided regarding vaccine verification for **workers in schools**.

## Vaccinations & Testing

In addition to local health partners providing weekly vaccination and testing, the Public Health continues to support through weekly vaccination pop-up clinics and access to Optum Serve Testing Sites available at no-cost to the community.

- [HSA COVID-19 Testing Resources & Site Locations](#)
- [HSA COVID-19 Vaccine Resources & Data](#)



## Upcoming Pop-Up Clinics

- **August 15th** - Back-to-School Fair & COVID Vaccine Clinics | San Lorenzo Valley Elementary & Parajo Valley High School | 11-4pm
- **August 15th** - Las Lomas Resource Fair | 11am-5pm
- **August 18th** - CZU Lightning Complex Remembrance Event @ the Brookdale Lodge | 5-8pm

Additional clinics and clinic details can be found at the [COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Calendar](#).



## COMING SOON

On 8/13, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) made their official recommendation for mRNA Vaccine Boosters for immunocompromised individuals 18 years and older. Pending use in Santa Cruz County:

- Official [Western State Scientific Safety Review Committee](#) recommendation leading to the California Department of Public Health approval.
- Individuals are recommended to refer to their primary care providers.

## Public Health Reminders

- Wear a face covering in indoor settings and crowded outdoor settings.
- Stay home when feeling sick
- Get tested when experiencing symptoms.
- We will get through this surge, be gentle on yourself in these hard times.



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