

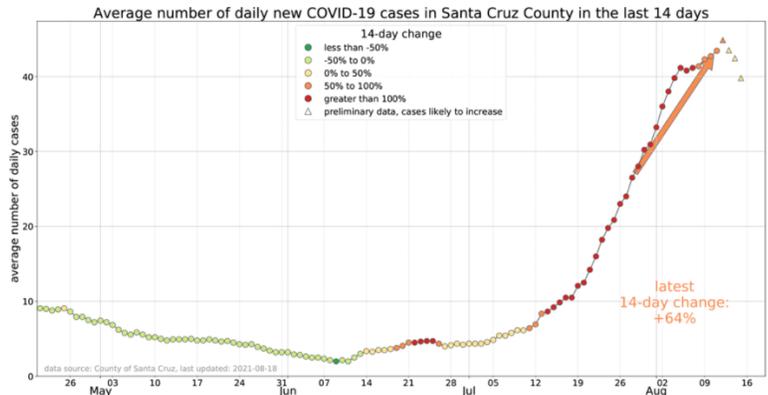
# Santa Cruz County Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Response Executive Summary 8/20/2021



## COVID-19 Case Trends – Daily Case Counts Surpass Last Summer's Surge

The COVID-19 Delta Variant is active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country. This strain is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others.

- As of 8/18, data modeling shows a 64% increase in cases. Now averaging 40 cases per day, surpassing daily counts from last summer.
- Past surges have lasted 3–4 months. Based on how the Delta variant behaved in India and Great Britain, 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 8/19, there are 824 Active Known Cases. New cases are typically...
  - Acquiring COVID-19 through community exposure.
  - North and South County residents, White/Caucasian, 25–50-year-olds.



## Vaccinations & Testing

In addition to local health partners providing weekly vaccination and testing, the Public Health Division continues to support 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](#)

## State Public Health Officer Orders and Guidelines

- On 8/16/2021, a [State Order](#) was released on the **Hospital and Health Care System Surge**.
- On 8/18/2021, CDPH updated their [Blueprint guidance](#) for **Industry and Business sectors**, including vaccine and testing guidelines for mega-events involving 1,000+ participants.



## Upcoming Pop-Up Clinics

- **August 21st** - Boulder Creek | 10am-2pm
  - **August 21st** - Barrios Unidos | 10am-1pm
  - **August 22nd** - Corazon de Mujer Community Celebration | 11am-4pm
  - **August 23rd-24th** - Santa Cruz Main Courthouse | 8am-12pm
  - **August 24th** - El Mercado Farmer's Market | 2-6pm
  - **August 24th** - Davenport Resource Center | 2-4pm
- Additional clinics and clinic details can be found at the [COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Calendar](#).



## COMING SOON

On 8/23/2021, OptumServe Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium COVID-19 testing site is doubling capacity to 396 appointments per day.



## NEW COUNTY COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- On 8/18/2021, a [press release](#) was issued encouraging symptomatic residents to get tested. Here is a [list](#) of free testing sites in Santa Cruz county.
- On 8/19/2021, the Health Officer issued an [order](#) requiring use of face coverings in indoor settings.

## 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.

