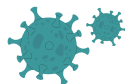


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COVID-19 Case Trends - An Optimistic View

The COVID-19 Delta Variant is active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country. Currently in California, **98%** of recently-sequenced COVID-19 samples are the Delta Variant.

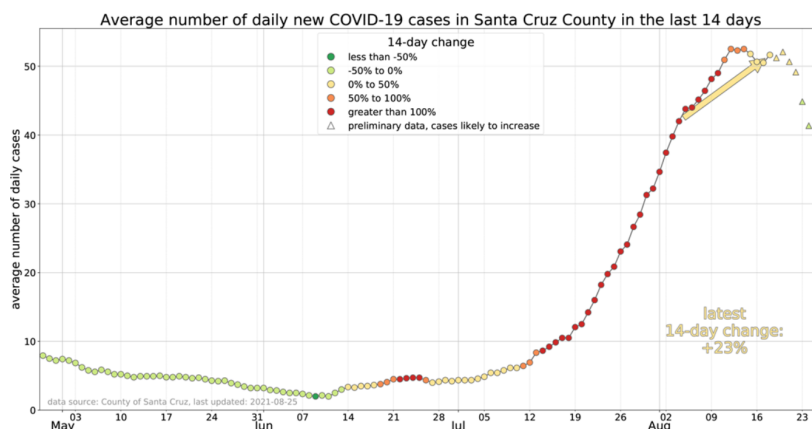
- *As of 8/25, data shows a +23% in average number cases in the last 14 days, compared to 2 weeks ago when it was at +141%. This indicates a significant decrease in case rate compared to previous weeks.*
- *Rt, or the Reproductive Number of COVID-19 cases is close to 1. Meaning for every one case, COVID-19 has spread to one person.*
- *COVID-19 related hospitalizations and ICU patients remain stable, however hospital capacity remains impacted by significant healthcare staffing shortages.*
- *Compared to last summer's surge, no single race/ethnicity group seems to be disproportionately impacted.*

As a reminder, a [Local Health Officer Order](#) went into effect on 08/20 Requiring Face Coverings in Indoor Settings Regardless of Vaccination Status.

Testing

Looking for COVID-19 Testing? Appointments are available at OptumServe, medical providers, and Urgent Care locations.

- Appointments are required for both Ramsey Park and Civic Center. OptumServe locations are available at no-cost.
- [HSA COVID-19 Testing Resources & Site Locations](#)
- **COMING SOON!** OptumServe testing approved for the San Lorenzo Valley, details to be announced.



Vaccinations

Public Health Division continues to support weekly vaccination pop-up clinics. [HSA COVID-19 Vaccine Resources & Data](#) available here.

- On 8/23, the FDA approved Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine "Comirnaty" for individuals 16+.



Upcoming Pop-Up Clinics

- **August 27th** - Watsonville Farmer's Market | 2:30-6:30pm
- **August 30th-31st** - Santa Cruz Main Courthouse | 8am-12pm
- **August 30th** - Branciforte Middle School and Sequoia High School | 2-7pm | Second Dose Clinics
- **September 3rd** - Watsonville Farmer's Market | 2:30-6:30pm

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

State Public Health Officer Orders

All recent State Public Health Officer Orders regarding vaccine requirements and surge response are listed below. Please check each Order as full compliance dates varies:

- [State and Local Correctional Facilities and Detention Centers Health Care Worker Vaccination Requirement](#)
- [Hospital and Health Care System Surge](#)
- [Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools](#)
- [Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement](#)
- [Requirements for Visitors in Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care Settings](#)
- [Health Care Worker Protections in High-Risk Settings](#)

Public Health Reminders

- Community spread of COVID-19 is occurring, being exposed or testing positive to COVID-19 can happen.
- Let's come together to support our community and reduce the stigma of COVID-19.
- Remember to breathe and give yourself breaks through these hard times.