



Humboldt County COVID-19 Joint Information Center
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news release

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1 Death, 5 Hospitalizations, 42 New Cases Reported Today

Humboldt County Public Health reported today the death of a resident in their 60s from COVID-19. Staff in the Department Operations Center extend their condolences to the family, friends and caregivers of those who died.

Five hospitalizations were also reported, including a child under the age of 10, a person in their 30s, one in their 60s, one in their 70s and another age 80 or older. An additional 42 new cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 9,113 the total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus.

Two previously reported deaths have been removed from the count as one was determined not to be related to COVID and the other was from outside the county's jurisdiction.

The county remains designated as an area of high transmission for the virus. Humboldt County Health Officer Ian Hoffman reported to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that increasing vaccination in the community is the best tool to end the pandemic.

Hoffman also noted that about 6% of the county's population is still only partially vaccinated and stressed the importance for those residents to complete their vaccination series.

Residents, particularly those who are unvaccinated, are advised to get tested if they are experiencing symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus. Testing is available through OptumServe seven days a week at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka and at mobile sites throughout the county most weekdays. For more information about testing, go to humboldt.gov.org/covidtestregistration.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the OptumServe testing site at the Fortuna River Lodge will be closed. Instead, Public Health will offer PCR testing at that site on Friday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, visit the [Color test registration](#) page.

Residents who receive their first or second dose at a vaccination clinic located at a Public Health office in Eureka, Willow Creek or Garberville can choose a \$25 Renner Petroleum or Coming Attractions Theatres gift card. Incentives are offered on a first-come, first-served basis at those locations only.

The county's vaccination and testing services are available free of charge. Appointments for Public Health vaccination clinics are not required but are recommended due to an increase in demand for additional doses and boosters. Sign up in advance at [MyTurn.ca.gov](#). For instructions in English and Spanish on how to use My Turn, go to [humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo](#).

See the schedule below for specific clinic dates, times, locations and available services:

Garberville — Wednesday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Public Health Office (727 Cedar St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available
\$25 gift card for those receiving a first or second dose

Orick — Thursday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Orick Elementary School (120918 US-101)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

Trinidad — Thursday, Oct. 21, 4 to 7 p.m.

Trinidad Town Hall (409 Trinity St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

Eureka — Friday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Veterans Hall (1018 H St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

McKinleyville — Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

McKinleyville High School (1300 Murray Road)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

Rio Dell — Sunday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dollar General (44 W. Davis St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

Fortuna — Sunday, Oct. 24, 3 to 5 p.m.

Veterans Hall (1426 Main St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available

Eureka — Monday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Public Health Main (529 I St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
No testing available
\$25 gift card for those receiving a first or second dose

Willow Creek — Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Public Health Office (77 Walnut Way)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
PCR and rapid testing available
\$25 gift card for those receiving a first or second dose

Check availability of a specific vaccine at local pharmacies at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), or text a ZIP code to 438829 to locate a nearby pharmacy offering vaccines.

Pfizer is authorized for those 12 and older, and Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for people age 18 and older. County residents age 16 and 17 can receive a vaccination at a Public Health clinic without a parent or guardian physically present as long as they have a signed consent form. Children under 16 still must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

View the Data Dashboard online at humboldt.gov/dashboard, or go to humboldt.gov/DashboardArchives to download data from a previous time.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at humboldt.gov or by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)

Check for vaccine availability at a local pharmacy: [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldt.gov/Dashboard

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