



Humboldt County COVID-19 Joint Information Center  
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## news release

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### 1 Hospitalization, 51 New Cases Reported Since Friday

Humboldt County Public Health reported today the hospitalization of a resident aged 80 or older due to COVID-19. An additional 51 new cases were reported since Friday, bringing to 9,230 the total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is urging all eligible residents to get a COVID-19 booster shot of the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine following the move by federal regulators to accept recommendations to expand booster options last week.

"Vaccines are how we end this pandemic," said California Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón, adding that, "boosters will play a critical role moving forward."

According to the CDPH guidance, Moderna boosters can be administered to eligible individuals if it has been at least six months since the second dose. People who are at increased risk for hospitalization and severe COVID-19 disease should get a booster, including:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People aged 18 years and older residing in a long-term care facility
- People aged 50 through 64 years with underlying medical conditions or at increased risk of social inequities.

Eligible individuals who may receive the Moderna booster include:

- People aged 18 through 49 years with underlying medical conditions
- People at increased risk of social inequities
- People aged 18 through 64 years who are at risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

Residents who are aged 18 and older who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine should receive a booster dose if it has been at least two months since their initial dose.

The “mixing and matching” of vaccine types, allowing anyone eligible for a booster dose to receive a brand different from the one they received initially, was also recently approved. For more information about the state’s booster recommendations and guidance, read the [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Questions & Answers](#) page.

Boosters are being offered at all Public Health vaccination clinics. Appointments 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](#).

Vaccines are widely available at local pharmacies. To check the availability of a specific vaccine or booster, visit the [vaccines.gov](#) page, or text a ZIP code to 438829 to locate a nearby pharmacy offering vaccines.

Over the weekend, 284 vaccine doses were administered by Public Health at mobile vaccination clinics held in McKinleyville, Fortuna and Rio Dell. Health officials continue to urge anyone in the community who is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

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/covidtestregistration](#).

On Tuesdays, OptumServe will offer mobile testing on an alternating basis in Trinidad and Garberville. On Oct. 26 it will be held at the Trinidad City Hall testing site located at 409 Trinity St. and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The site will be closed from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. OptumServe’s mobile testing site in Garberville will be held the same hours on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Jerold Phelps Hospital at 733 Cedar St.

Due to the increasing use of at-home tests for COVID-19, Public Health recommends residents report positive test results so transmission of the virus in the community can be better identified and people can be connected with needed resources.

Those with a positive at-home test for COVID-19 should isolate and notify their close contacts to limit the spread of disease. False positive test results are unlikely when an antigen test is used according to the manufacturer’s instructions, according to the CDC’s [antigen testing guidance](#) page. Public Health officials stress that positive at-home test results should be reported to a health care provider or to Public Health if there is no provider.

Individuals who require documentation of test results for employment or travel may get PCR testing through Public Health or their health care providers. PCR follow-up testing for an at-home rapid test is most accurate 24 to 48 hours after an initial at-home positive test. For more information, visit the Humboldt County [Home-Testing FAQ](#), or call the Joint Information Center at 707-441-5000.

The county's vaccination and testing services are available free of charge. Residents who receive their first or second dose of vaccine 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.

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

**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

**Garberville — Wednesday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.**

Public Health (727 Cedar St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna  
PCR and rapid testing available

**Arcata — Thursday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Arcata Veterans Building (1425 J St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna  
PCR and rapid testing available

**Petrolia — Friday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Mattole Resource Center (167 Sherman St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna  
PCR and rapid testing available

**Honeydew — Friday, Oct. 29, 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.**

Honeydew Elementary School (1 Wilder Ridge Road)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna  
PCR and rapid testing available

**McKinleyville — Saturday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Church of the Joyful Healer (1944 Central Ave.)

Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna

PCR and rapid testing available

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](https://humboldt.gov/dashboard), or go to [humboldt.gov/DashboardArchives](https://humboldt.gov/DashboardArchives) to download data from a previous time.

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

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: [humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo](https://humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo)

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: [humboldt.gov/Dashboard](https://humboldt.gov/Dashboard)

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