



Humboldt County COVID-19 Joint Information Center
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news release

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1 Hospitalization, 4 New Cases Reported

Humboldt County Public Health reported today the hospitalization of a resident in their 60s due to COVID-19. Four new cases were also reported, and nine cases were removed from the case count as they were determined to be from another jurisdiction, previously reported or not a COVID-19 case. The total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus in the county is 9,225.

An advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted today to recommend emergency use authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Next week an advisory panel for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will meet to review and discuss the recommendations. More details will be released as they become available.

With many annual Halloween festivities scheduled this weekend, the CDC has provided tips for celebrating the holiday safely this year through wearing masks, celebrating outdoors and avoiding crowds.

- Trick-or-treating in small groups and other outdoor activities like pumpkin patches and hayrides are preferable to indoor activities such as crowded parties or haunted houses.
- Masks should be worn when handing out candy to trick-or-treaters. Tables can be set up outdoors to hand out individually wrapped candy. Keep interactions brief, and have hand-sanitizer available.

To view holiday and gatherings guidance from the CDC and Humboldt County Public Health, visit the [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/) and [Humboldt County guidance for gatherings and events](#) pages.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommended that all eligible residents who are at increased risk for hospitalization and severe COVID-19 disease should get a Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson booster, which are all available. 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.

Public Health officials are recommending residents, particularly those who are unvaccinated, 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.

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](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s101620-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:

Garberville — Wednesday, Oct. 27, 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

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

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

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

Willow Creek — Tuesday, Nov. 2, 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

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 or 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://vaccines.gov)
Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo
Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldt.gov/Dashboard
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