



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

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### 1 Death, 1 Hospitalization, 13 New Cases Reported

Humboldt County Public Health reported today the death of a resident aged 80 or older from COVID-19. Staff in the Department Operations Center extend their condolences to the person's family, friends and caregivers.

The hospitalization of a resident in their 30s was also reported, as well as 13 new cases, bringing to 9,306 the total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus.

Public Health officials continue to stress that vaccination is one of the best tools to end the COVID-19 pandemic and urge all eligible residents who are unvaccinated to get one of the three authorized vaccines. Completion of the vaccine series offers the highest protection against severe disease, hospitalization and death, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance.

People who remain partially vaccinated, about 5% of Humboldt County residents, are strongly encouraged to complete the vaccination series to achieve full protection.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has recommended that all eligible residents who are at increased risk for hospitalization and severe COVID-19 disease should get a Pfizer or Moderna booster at least six months after their second dose. The CDPH also recommended that adults who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine get a booster if it has been two months since their first dose.

The CDPH guidance states that people who are eligible may receive a single dose of any of the available COVID-19 vaccines as a "mix-and-match" booster dose following the completion of a different primary vaccine series. 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](https://MyTurn.ca.gov). For instructions in English and Spanish on how to use My Turn, go to [humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo](https://humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo).

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

An advisory panel for the CDC is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Nov. 2, to discuss the Food and Drug Administration's advisory committee's recent recommendation for the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years old. CDPH officials said the state anticipates rolling out vaccines to this age group as early as next week once the review process is complete.

Public Health officials are recommending residents, particularly those who are unvaccinated, 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](https://humboldt.gov/covidtestregistration).

Public Health officials stress that residents should report positive at-home test results to a health care provider or to Public Health if there is no provider so transmission of the virus in the community can be better identified.

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.

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:

**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

**Garberville — Wednesday, Nov. 3, 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

**Eureka — Thursday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

College of the Redwoods Gym (7351 Tompkins Hill Road)  
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)  
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