



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

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### 23 New Cases Reported

Humboldt County Public Health reported today 23 new cases of COVID-19, bringing to 10,859 the total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus. No new hospitalizations or deaths were reported.

With holiday travel and more indoor gatherings, Public Health is urging residents to get vaccinated and boosted to protect themselves from the Delta and Omicron variants. Those aged 5 and older are eligible to get vaccinated and anyone aged 16 and older is encouraged by Public Health to get a booster if it's been six months or more since the completion of their initial vaccine series.

Health officials remain confident that vaccination and booster shots can lessen the impacts of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, including hospitalizations and deaths. No cases have been detected locally, but the Omicron variant has been confirmed throughout the country. Incidence of the variant is anticipated to rise over the next several weeks following holiday gatherings.

The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention recommend anyone who is sick or unvaccinated and has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 forego travel. All travelers are recommended to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and to isolate and get tested if they develop symptoms after travel.

COVID-19 testing is available through OptumServe at the Wharfinger Building at 1 Marina Way in Eureka seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made at [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting) or by calling 888-634-1123. Turnaround times for test results through OptumServe average two to three days.

Humboldt County's vaccination and testing services are available free of charge. Although walk-ins are allowed at most regular Public Health clinics and many pharmacy vaccination sites, a sharp increase in demand for boosters has caused delays at some locations. As a result, appointments are required for pediatric clinics and for clinics at Public Health's main office. Appointments are strongly

recommended for all other clinics and are the best way to ensure a shot is available during your visit. Appointments can be made at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://MyTurn.ca.gov).

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

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

**Eureka — Monday, Jan. 3, 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 adults receiving a first or second dose  
Appointments required.

**Eureka — Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

Public Health Main Office (529 I St.)  
Ages 16 and older  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna  
No testing available  
\$25 gift card for adults receiving a first or second dose  
Appointments required.

**Eureka Pediatric— Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1:15 to 4 p.m.**

Public Health Main Office (529 I St.)  
Ages 5 to 11  
Pfizer only  
No testing available  
Appointments required.

**Willow Creek — Tuesday, Jan. 4, 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 adults receiving a first or second dose  
Appointments strongly recommended.

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. Due to staffing considerations during the holidays, some weekly dashboard data will not be updated until the following week. 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 1-707-441-5000.

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