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## news release

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### 6 New Hospitalizations, 157 New Cases

Humboldt County Public Health reported today six new hospitalizations including two residents in their 60s, three in their 70s and one aged 80 and older.

An additional 118 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 were announced as well as 39 new probable cases for the period between Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Tuesday, Dec. 13. The total number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 22,851. An additional 5,621 cases are reported as probable.\*

Bivalent boosters are now available for children six months and older. Last week the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of both the Moderna and Pfizer bivalent doses.

Children 6 months through 5 years of age who received the original monovalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are now eligible to receive a single booster of the updated bivalent Moderna vaccine two months after completing a primary series with the monovalent Moderna vaccine.

Children 6 months through 4 years of age who have not yet begun their three-dose primary series of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or have not yet received the third dose of their primary series will now receive the updated bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as the third dose in their primary series following two doses of the original monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

However, children 6 months through 4 years of age who have already completed their three-dose primary series with the original monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are not eligible for a booster dose of an updated bivalent vaccine at this time. Children in this age group who already completed their primary series are expected to have protection against the most serious outcomes from the currently circulating omicron variant.

To learn more or to book an appointment, talk to your child's health care provider. Scheduling for 6 months through 5 years old bivalent boosters will be posted at MyTurn.ca.gov soon. If you're unable to schedule through your health care provider, you can attend Public Health Main's Monday clinic (see schedule below).

Local COVID-19 vaccination data has been updated for this week:

- Since the last weekly report on Dec. 7, an additional 44 residents completed their vaccine series.
- A total of 91,991 individuals, or approximately 68% of the county's total population, have been fully vaccinated as of Tuesday.

OptumServe continues to offer rapid antigen testing and PCR testing services at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka six days a week. Walk-ins will receive only rapid antigen testing unless the attendee specifically states they require a PCR test. Appointments for antigen testing can be made by calling 888-634-1123. Wharfinger testing runs Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m.

Additionally, flu testing is now available at the OptumServe COVID-19 sites at the Wharfinger, as well as McKinleyville, Trinidad and Arcata. For a list of OptumServe COVID-19 and flu testing locations and schedules, visit [humboldt.gov/testregistration](http://humboldt.gov/testregistration).

Public Health is reminding residents that one of the best ways to ensure a safe and healthy holiday season is to get a bivalent booster. The new bivalents reduce the likelihood of becoming infected with the Omicron variants and also reduce the chances of hospitalization and death should one become infected. Because boosters can take up to two weeks after vaccination for full protection, residents planning to attend holiday get-togethers should get a booster now.

See the schedule below for specific Public Health vaccination and testing clinic dates, times, locations and available services. Bivalent boosters will be provided at all.

**Arcata — Thursday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

D Street Neighborhood Center (1301 D St.)

**Trinidad — Thursday, Dec. 15, 2 to 4:45 p.m.**

Trinidad Town Hall (409 Trinity St.)

**Redway — Friday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Healy Senior Center (456 Briceland Road)

**Eureka — Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Jefferson Community Center (1000 B St.)

**Eureka — Monday, Dec. 19, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Closed from noon to 1 p.m.)**

Public Health Main (529 I St.)

**Eureka – Tuesday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center (133 Seventh St.)

**Willow Creek – Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Willow Creek Public Health (77 Walnut Way)

\* “Confirmed cases” represent the total confirmed positive PCR test results or detection of SARS-CoV-2 by genomic sequencing, and “probable cases” are individuals who:

- Have a positive antigen (Ag) test for COVID-19, or
- Were diagnosed with COVID-19 disease by a health care provider, or
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 disease after being in close contact with a person having a PCR-confirmed test result, or
- Were a decedent whose death certificate lists COVID-19 as a cause or significant contributing factor of their death, in the absence of a positive PCR test result.

For information about COVID-19, please call Humboldt County Public Health at 707-445-6201, or email [HHSPHB@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:HHSPHB@co.humboldt.ca.us).

For local updates, visit Humboldt Health Alert at [humboldt.gov.org/HumboldtHealthAlert](http://humboldt.gov.org/HumboldtHealthAlert).

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

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

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