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Two New Deaths, 1 New Hospitalization, 55 New Cases

Humboldt County Public Health reported today the deaths of two residents, including one in their 50s and one aged 80 or older. A resident aged 80 or older was also hospitalized. An additional 33 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 were announced as well as 22 new probable cases for the period between Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Tuesday, Jan. 31. The total number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 23,268. An additional 6,029 cases are reported as probable.*

Humboldt County COVID-19 vaccination data is available at the California Department of Public Health's [Tracking COVID-19 in California Data Dashboard](#). Residents can scroll down to the "County and statewide data" section and input "Humboldt County" to get local vaccination data.

OptumServe continues to offer rapid antigen testing and PCR testing services at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka five 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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. Flu testing is also available.

OptumServe's COVID-19 testing sites in McKinleyville, Trinidad and Arcata officially closed Jan. 22. The Eureka site is expected to close sometime before the end of February, although the specific date has not yet been determined by the state. The closing comes as California's COVID-19 State of Emergency winds down with an official end date of Feb. 28.

Children 6 months and older are eligible for the COVID vaccine and bivalent boosters. To learn more or to book an appointment, talk to your child's health care provider. Scheduling for children ages 6 months through 5 years is also available on [MyTurn.ca.gov](#).

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, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

D Street Neighborhood Center (1301 D St.)

Willow Creek — Thursday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Willow Creek Public Health (77 Walnut Way)

Petrolia— Friday, Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mattole Resource Center (167 Sherman St.)

Bridgeville— Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bridgeville Family Resource Center (38717 Kneeland Road)

Eureka — Monday, Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

Public Health Main (529 I St.)

Blue Lake — Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Blue Lake Resource Center (111 Greenwood Ave.)

McKinleyville — Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1:30 to 4:15 p.m.

The Center at McKinleyville (1615 Heartwood Drive)

* “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.

For local updates, visit Humboldt Health Alert at humboldt.gov/HumboldtHealthAlert.

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: MyTurn.ca.gov

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo

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