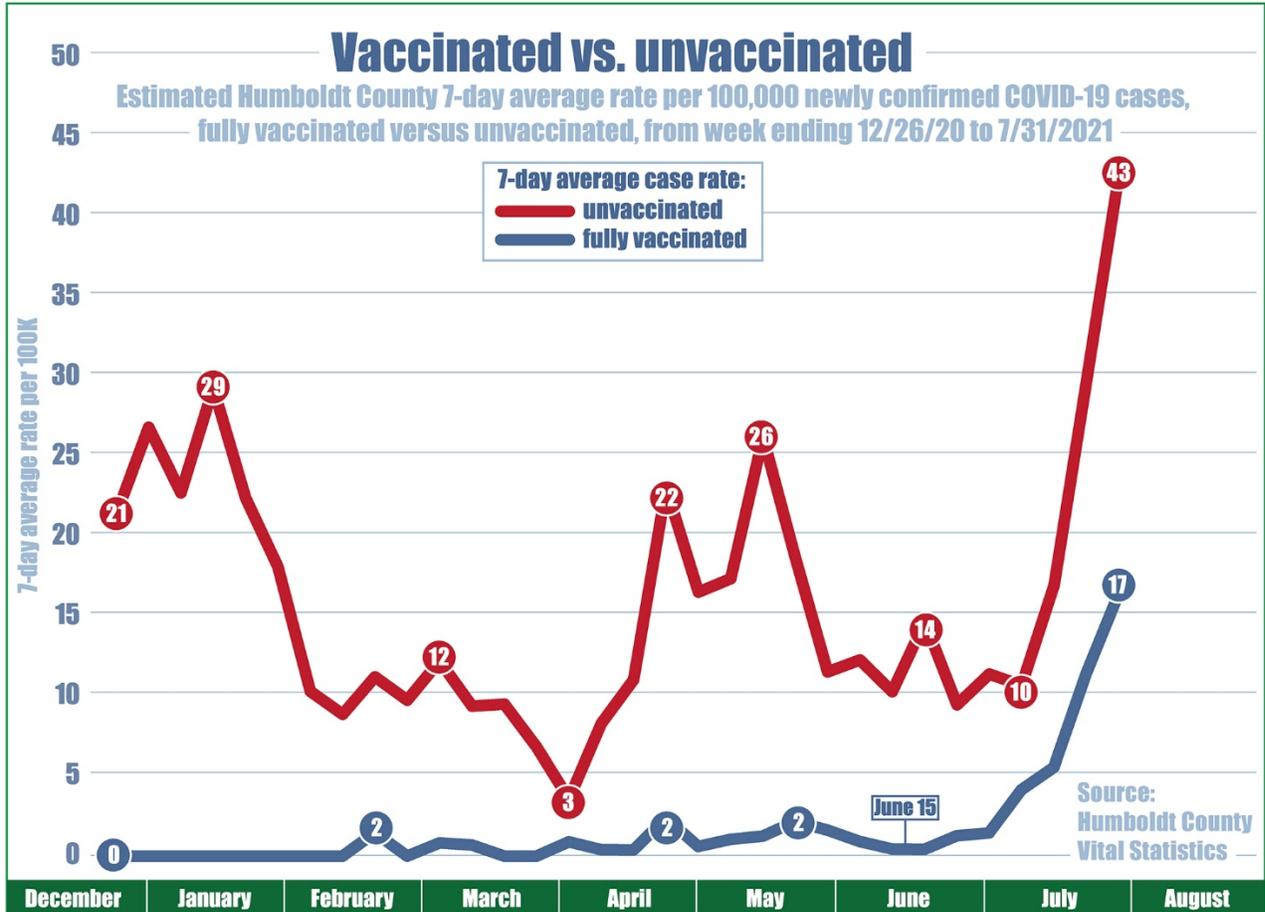# news release

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Aug. 9, 2021

216 New Cases Reported Since Friday

Two hundred sixteen new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Humboldt County since Friday. The total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus now stands at 5,717.

Seven new hospitalizations have also been reported, including one person in their 40s, two people in their 50s, three in their 60s and one in their 70s.

Since the last weekly update on Aug. 2, the county has reported 479 new cases of COVID-19, 20 new hospitalizations and three deaths. One of the residents who died was in their 30s, one in their 40s and another in their 50s. To date, 257 hospitalizations and 56 deaths have been confirmed in the county.

The number of vaccination breakthrough cases continues to rise in Humboldt County, but at a lower rate than cases in unvaccinated individuals. The graph below shows average weekly case rates between Dec. 26, 2020 and July 31, 2021 in unvaccinated and fully vaccinated individuals.

Vaccinated vs. unvaccinated

Estimated Humboldt County 7-day average rate per 100,000 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases, fully vaccinated versus unvaccinated, from week ending 12/26/20 to 7/31/2021

7-day average case rate:
— unvaccinated
— fully vaccinated

7-day average rate per 100K

Source: Humboldt County Vital Statistics

December | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August

The first local breakthrough case was in Feb. 2021, and case rates for both groups have continued to rise sharply since the state's June 15 reopening. Current case rates for unvaccinated residents far exceed previous peaks for in January and May and rise to an unprecedented rate among fully vaccinated residents. The rise in cases underscores the need for precautions like universal masking and physical distancing, as well as the urgency to get more people vaccinated in the community.

For additional information, please view a more detailed depiction of the data here.

Vaccination progress continues to be made. On Friday, 134 residents were vaccinated, thanks to the support of two McKinleyville businesses. Six Rivers Brewery and the McKinleyville Ace Home and Garden Center hosted well-attended vaccination clinics and offered gift certificates as incentives for those who were vaccinated on site. The Department Operations Center deeply appreciates these and all other local businesses and individuals who have stepped forward to protect our community.

Vaccine remains available at Public Health vaccination clinics located throughout the county. Walk-ins are welcome or sign up in advance at MyTurn.ca.gov. Most local pharmacies also offer COVID-19 vaccines. To check availability of vaccines at local

pharmacies, visit vaccines.gov or text a ZIP code to 438829 to find a participating pharmacy nearby. Most pharmacies allow walk-ins.

See the Public Health clinic schedule for the next seven days below:

Eureka – Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
    Eureka Boat Launch (1701 Waterfront Drive under the Hwy. 255 overpass)
    Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

Eureka – Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
    Wharfinger Building (1 Marina Way)
    Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

Arcata – Thursday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
    Arcata Transit Center (925 E St.)
    Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

Garberville – Friday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
    Garberville Farmers' Market (Garberville Town Square at Church St.)
    Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

Redway – Friday, Aug. 13, from 4:15 to 5 p.m.
    Dean Creek RV Park (4112 Redwood Dr.)
    Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

The Pfizer vaccine is approved for children as young as 12 years old. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for those 18 and older. Full protection from the vaccine is achieved two weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose series or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine.

View the Humboldt County Data Dashboard online at humboldtgov.org/dashboard, or go to humboldtgov.org/DashboardArchives to download today's data.

For COVID-19 testing guidance and information, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html and the California Department of Public Health at cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Updated-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit cdc.gov or cdph.ca.gov. Local information is available at humboldtgov.org or by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: MyTurn.ca.gov
Check for vaccine availability at a local pharmacy: Vaccines.gov
Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldtgov.org/VaccineInfo
Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldtgov.org/Dashboard
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