



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

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### 114 New Cases Reported Today; Testing Now Available in Garberville

One hundred and fourteen new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Humboldt County today. To date, a total of 6,643 county residents have tested positive for the virus. Two new hospitalizations were also reported, including one person in their 60s and another in their 80s.

Humboldt County Public Health has expanded testing efforts throughout the county to help contain the rapid spread of cases. No-cost testing is available seven days a week through the OptumServe site at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka, and an additional location in the county each weekday. Beginning today, a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site will be open each Tuesday at Jerold Phelps Community Hospital in Garberville.

See the full OptumServe testing schedule below:

- **Eureka** – Seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (1 Marina Way)
- **McKinleyville** – Mondays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road)
- **Garberville** – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Jerold Phelps Community Hospital, 733 Cedar St.)
- **Fortuna** – Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (River Lodge Conference Center, 1800 Riverwalk Dr.)
- **Hoopa** – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Tsewenaldin Inn, 12482 CA-96)
- **Arcata** – Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St.)

Demand for testing is high at this time, so making an appointment is the best way to ensure a test is available when needed. Register in advance at [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting) or by calling 888-634-1123. Test results are usually available within two to four days.

Schools, organizations and businesses that wish to perform routine testing may apply to the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force for free rapid antigen testing kits. To find out more, go to [testing.covid19.ca.gov/get-started/](https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/get-started/).

Anyone who tests positive should isolate for at least 10 days and consult with their doctor or call the Joint Information Center at 707-441-5000 for more information. Resources for infected individuals and their caregivers can be found at [humboldt.gov/blanketorders](http://humboldt.gov/blanketorders).

While some people who are fully vaccinated do become infected with the virus, health officials widely agree that the most effective way to prevent severe outcomes from COVID-19 is by getting vaccinated.

Public Health will hold 10 vaccination clinics Wednesday through Sunday in various locations around the county. Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments can be made in advance at [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov). Most local pharmacies also offer COVID-19 vaccines, and many allow walk-ins. Visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov) to check availability, or text a ZIP code to 438829 to find a participating pharmacy nearby.

See the schedule of upcoming Public Health clinics below:

**Eureka – Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Housing Authority (735 W. Everding St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Ferndale – Wednesday, Aug. 25, from noon to 3 p.m.**

Humboldt County Fair – main parking lot (1250 Fifth St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Eureka – Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Highland Park (High St. Parking Area)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Fortuna – Thursday, Aug. 26, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Dollar General (650 S. Fortuna Blvd.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Ferndale – Thursday, Aug. 26, from noon to 5 p.m.**

Humboldt County Fair – main parking lot (1250 Fifth St.)  
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**Petrolia – Friday, Aug. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to noon**

Mattole Valley Resource Center (167 Sherman St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Ferndale – Friday, Aug. 27, from noon to 5 p.m.**

Humboldt County Fair – main parking lot (1250 Fifth St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Honeydew – Friday, Aug. 27, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

Honeydew Elementary School (1 Wilder Ridge Road)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Ferndale – Saturday, Aug. 28, from noon to 5 p.m.**

Humboldt County Fair – main parking lot (1250 Fifth St.)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Redway – Sunday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Redwoods Rural Health Center (101 W. Coast Road)  
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine received full approval this week from the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for individuals age 16 and older. Pfizer is available to children 12 to 15 years old under the FDA’s emergency use authorization. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for people age 18 and older.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Full protection from vaccination 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 Data Dashboard online at [humboldt.gov/dashboard](https://humboldt.gov/dashboard), or go to [humboldt.gov/DashboardArchives](https://humboldt.gov/DashboardArchives) to download today’s data.

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)

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

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