Aug. 31, 2021

2,001 Cases, 98 Hospitalizations, 22 Deaths Reported in August

One hundred nineteen new cases of COVID-19 have been processed and confirmed in Humboldt County today. The total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus now stands at 7,111. Two new hospitalizations were also reported, including one person in their 30s and another in their 70s.

In the month of August alone, the county has reported a total of 2,001 new cases of COVID-19, 98 hospitalizations and 22 deaths from the virus. This month, by far, has been the deadliest of the pandemic as new hospitalizations strain the local health care system.

Humboldt County Public Health is removing one previously reported death. After further consultation with the individual’s medical team, it was determined that COVID-19 was not the cause of their death. A total of 75 residents have died from the virus.

Containing the rapid spread of the virus requires all members of the community to commit to the health and safety of their friends and neighbors by following local health orders and guidance. The COVID-19 FAQ page (humboldtgov.org/COVIDFAQs) has been updated with practical guidance for common situations, including youth sports settings, at-home COVID-19 testing and best practices for gatherings and events.

While some people who are fully vaccinated do become infected with the virus, health officials widely agree getting vaccinated is the most effective way to prevent severe outcomes from COVID-19. To build a strong response to the virus, immunocompromised individuals who received mRNA vaccine Moderna or Pfizer are advised to get a third dose of the same vaccine 28 days or more after their second dose.

The Moderna vaccine will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Public Health vaccination clinic at College of the Redwoods. Moderna can also be found at many
Local pharmacies. Check availability at vaccines.gov, or text a ZIP code to 438829 to locate a pharmacy offering vaccines nearby.

Public Health has additional clinics planned this week, and walk-ins are welcome. For those who would like to make an appointment in advance, go to MyTurn.ca.gov. For step-by-step instructions in English or Spanish about how to use My Turn, go to humboldtgov.org/VaccineInfo.

See the schedule of upcoming Public Health clinics below:

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

**Eureka – Thursday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- College of the Redwoods – Main Parking Lot (7351 Tompkins Hill Road)
- Moderna/Pfizer

**McKinleyville – Friday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- Six Rivers Brewery (1300 Central Ave.)
- Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

**Samoa – Friday, Sept. 3, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.**
- Humboldt Bay Social Club (900 New Navy Base Road)
- Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson

Pfizer is authorized for those 12 and older, and 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.

The “Cases Cleared” metric has been removed from the Humboldt County Data Dashboard and homepage counter, as there is currently no mechanism for determining conclusion of illness for any particular individual. As announced in mid-August, changes like these are necessary to allow Public Health to focus their resources on vaccinations and bringing the pandemic to an end.

View the Data Dashboard online at humboldtgov.org/dashboard, or go to humboldtgov.org/DashboardArchives to download data from a previous date.

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
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