## COVID-19 Emergency Response Strategy Update

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## Overall Countywide Trends



New cases per 100,000 residents per day


COVID-19 hospitalizations


Overall test positivity


Lowest HPI test positivity

- Number of new cases per 100,000 residents per day and testing positivity continue to rise
- Metrics as of 07/26:
- 9.8 new cases per 100,000 residents per day
- $4.6 \%$ overall test positivity
- $6.9 \%$ test positivity in lowest HPI quartile
- COVID-19 hospitalizations remain above 40 per day
14 people have died from COVID-19 since June


## Sonoma County Case Rate by Vaccination Status (07/26)

New Cases per Day per 100,000 Residents, by Vaccination Status (7 day average, 7 day lag)


- Unvaccinated population: 17.5 new cases per 100,000 per day
- Fully Vaccinated population: 4.2 new cases per 100,000 per day


## Age of Cases in Past 60 Days (07/26)



- 72\% of cases are among individuals 49 and younger
- Majority in 20-39
year age range


## COVID-19 Testing and Test Positivity

Total tests per day, 7 day average


- Conducting 233.6 tests per 100,000 residents per day (07/26)
- State testing median=223.4
- Testing is slightly above the State average and has increased in the past two weeks
- Test positivity is increasing overall, and is highest among
- Latinx and Black residents $9.3 \%$ and $10.6 \%$, respectively
- Individuals aged 25-34 and 5564 year olds ( $\sim 5 \%$ for both age groups)


## What Racial/Ethnic Groups Have Been Most Disproportionately Impacted Over the Course of the Pandemic?



Latinx residents have had the highest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all racial/ethnic groups

## Total cases (07/21)

- Latinx $(16,065)$
- White $(7,533)$
- Asian (841)
- Multiracial (647)
- Black (398)
- Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native (191)
- Pacific Islander (160)


## Case Trends by Racial/Ethnic Group in the Past 60 Days

In comparison to population size, increased case rates have recently been observed among multiple racial/ethnic groups including Black/African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Multiracial residents

## Cases in past 60 days (07/21)

- White (703)
- Latinx (565)
- Multiracial (83)
- Asian (65)
- Black (56)
- Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native (18)
- Pacific Islander (7)


## Delta Variant

- The highly transmissible Delta variant now accounts for the majority ( $83 \%$ ) of cases in the United States
- Delta variant was identified in 135 Sonoma County case samples as of 07/23
- Local surveillance has started and is expanding
- Delta spreads quickly through unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, and vulnerable populations
- Research indicates this variant may increase the risk of hospitalization


## Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations


- COVID positive hospitalizations remain elevated, but stable, with an average of 42 hospitalizations per day in the past two weeks
- Since June 1 st, $\mathbf{8 3} \%$ of those hospitalized with COVID-19 and $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of COVID positive ICU patients have been unvaccinated
- All fully vaccinated hospitalized patients had other significant underlying conditions


## Sam Jones Shelter Outbreak Update (07/26)

- Number of Cases
- Of 153 shelter residents, 110 tested positive for COVID-19
- Vaccination status of shelter residents/cases:
- $54 \%$ (82) of the 153 shelter residents were fully vaccinated
- 64 of the $\mathbf{1 1 0}$ COVID-19 cases were fully vaccinated
- Hospitalizations

- 9 shelter residents were hospitalized
- 6 have been discharged
- 3 remain hospitalized


## Vaccine Administration

## 619,074 doses administered (as of 07/26)

Percent Population 12+ Vaccinated


Partially Veccinated Fully Vaccinzted Not Vaccinatsd

Residents partially vaccinated: 33,011
Residents fully vaccinated: 301,649
$\mathbf{7 8 \%}$ of the Sonoma County population aged $12+$ is at least partially vaccinated (8\% partial, 70\% full)

## Proportion of Each Age Group Vaccinated (07/26)



## Vaccination in younger age groups:

- 12-15 year olds: $52 \%$ at least partially vaccinated (43\% fully vaccinated; 9\% partial)
- 16-24 year olds: $65 \%$ at least partially vaccinated ( $57 \%$ fully vaccinated, $8 \%$ partial)
- 25-34 year olds: $67 \%$ at least partially vaccinated ( $59 \%$ fully vaccinated, $8 \%$ partial)


## Proportion Vaccinated Within Each Race/Ethnicity (07/26)



- Less than $60 \%$ of residents identifying as Latinx and Multiracial have been fully vaccinated


## Vaccine Equity Measures (07/26)



- Currently, $25 \%$ of vaccine doses have been administered to residents in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index in which residents have access to the fewest resources
- $66 \%$ of residents in this quartile are at least partially vaccinated (7\% partially vaccinated; $59 \%$ fully vaccinated)


## Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) For the period of 4/19/21-7/15/21

- Tenant Applications Submitted: 1,959
- Landlord Application Submitted: 823
- Total: 2,468
- Disbursed to CBOs for Direct Assistance: $\mathbf{\$ 5 , 3 0 2 , 3 8 8 . 4 5}$



## New ERAP Guidance

- Since May 2021 there has been an increase in application processing by $24.4 \%$
- Rental Assistance need may not be as high as projected
- Evidentiary requirements have been considerably reduced - self-attestations
- AB 832 - allows for payment of $100 \%$ of rental arrears/assistance; retroactive to previous awardees
- Total of 18 months of assistance allowable
- Previous tenant (non-residency) debt allowable
- Relocation expenses now eligible for payment to tenants
- Debt accumulation is not an eligible expense

