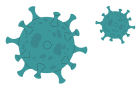


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COVID-19 Case Trends – Celebrate the Holidays Safely

COVID-19 case rates continue to decline in Santa Cruz County, with almost the same daily case rate as this time last year.

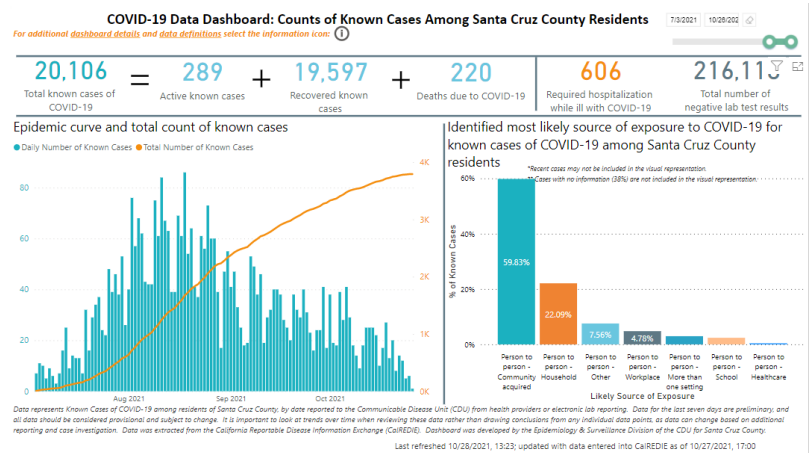
- As of 10/27/21, data shows a **-31% change in average number of cases in the last 14 days, a 20% decline compared to two weeks ago.**
- **COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU need, and daily death rate are all in decline and projected to decline over the next few weeks. Trends are stable as of 10/28/21.**
- **Majority of known cases since 7/1/2021 were exposed in the community (59.83%) or household (22.09%).**
- **The Local Demographics Dashboard shows that among active cases, the most number of cases are in the 35–44 age range (20.07%), followed by the 25–34 age range (14.88%)**

Testing

Testing Appointment Information is available at the [Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Testing Website](#). The Mobile Testing Bus has updated their schedule:

- **Santa Cruz City:** Open Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm by appointment only in the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot
- **Felton:** Friday-Sunday from 10am-6pm at the Mountain Resource Center. *appointments preferred, walk-ins accommodated based on availability.
- **Ramsay Park:** Open Wednesday-Sunday from 7am-6:45pm.

Appointments for locations can be found at the [Optum Serve Website](#), [click here for an appointment](#).



Vaccinations

COVID-19 Vaccines are proven to reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death against COVID-19. As of 10/22/21, [eligibility for COVID-19 boosters expanded](#):

- **Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech** booster doses are recommended for following individuals **6 months** after their primary series or **2 months** following a **Johnson and Johnson** dose:
 - 65 years and older
 - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings, underlying medical conditions or work or live in high-risk settings.
- Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose.

To schedule an appointment or find a walk-in clinic, visit the [HSA COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#).

Coming soon! The 5-11 age group is expected to become eligible for vaccines starting next week (week of 11/1).

Holiday Testing and Vaccine Schedule



Due to the upcoming Veteran's Day Holiday, the following locations will be closed on November 11th:

- Watsonville Vaccine Center at Old City Hall
- Watsonville Ramsay Park Testing Location
- Santa Cruz Testing Minibus at the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot

November 12th Closure:

- Felton Testing Minibus at the Mountain Resource Center

For more information, [click to visit the COVID-19 webpage](#).



Public Health Reminders



- **Celebrate Safely!** Recommendations for a safe Halloween and Día De Los Muertos are [available](#).
- **Seasonal Influenza** season is here. Now is the time to get the flu shot from your healthcare provider or local pharmacy. [Click here to access MyTurn appointments or here to access the vaccine finder website.](#)
- To find a COVID-19 Vaccine appointment near you, visit [My Turn](#) or the [Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#).