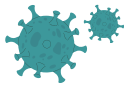


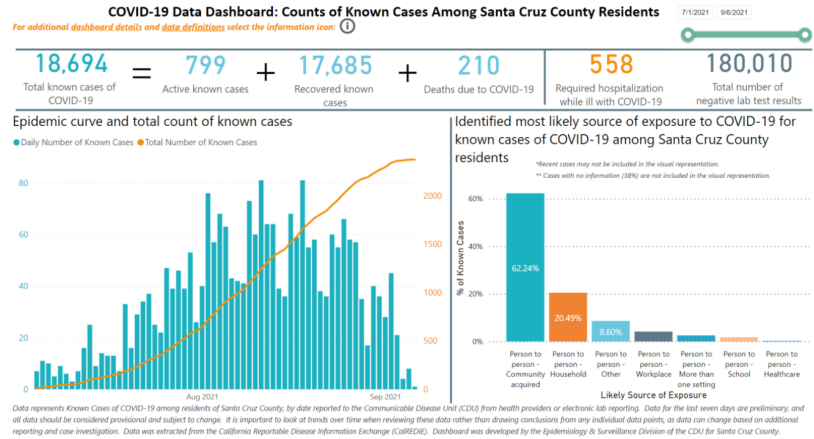
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COVID-19 Case Trends - Increase in Pediatric Cases, though Overall Case Rates Continue to Decline

The COVID-19 Delta Variant continues to be active in the Santa Cruz County community and throughout the country. The below trends show the various impacts of COVID-19 within our community.

- As of 9/7/21, data shows a -21% change in average number cases in the last 14 days, compared to 2 weeks ago when it was at +23% change in cases.
- While COVID-19 hospitalization projections estimate a slow decline in coming weeks, our local hospitals continue to be impacted due to staffing shortages and other health concerns.
- Local [Demographics Dashboard](#) shows an increase in the weekly COVID-19 case rate among the Latinx population.
- There is a significant increase in cases in the 0-19 age group, a change from previous weeks where increases were in the 20-34 and 35-54 age groups. This also reflects trends at the state and country level.
- Per the [CDC COVID-19 Transmission Map](#), our county is in the Substantial orange zone as of 9/10/2021.



Vaccinations

The [Public Health Division](#) is planning for pending Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of COVID-19 vaccines for pediatric and boosters with local healthcare partners.

- **NEW!** Watsonville Vaccine Center opened on 9/9/21 at Old City Hall in Watsonville, available for walk-ins or appointments via [My Turn](#).
- The California Department of Public Health [Vaccine Equity Metric](#) provides a view of vaccination at a state and county level. While there is still work to do to vaccinate our community, vaccination process continues to show a **positive equity focus** to our underserved communities.



Upcoming Pop-Up Clinics

- **September 13th-14th** - Santa Cruz Main Courthouse | 8am-12pm
- **September 14th** - Dream Inn | 2-6pm
- **September 14th** - El Mercado Farmers Market | 2-6pm
- **September 14th** - Davenport Resource Services Center | 2-4pm

Additional clinics and clinic details can be found at the [COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Calendar](#).

Testing

Looking for COVID-19 Testing? Appointments are available at OptumServe, medical providers, and Urgent Care locations.

- Starting on Friday, 9/10/21, a mobile testing bus will be positioned at the Mountain Resource Center in Felton from 10am-6pm Fridays-Tuesdays for the foreseeable future.
- OptumServe locations, Santa Cruz Civic Center and Ramsay Park, have COVID-19 testing appointments available for adults and children, 7 days/week across both sites.

[HSA COVID-19 Testing Resources & Site Locations](#)

Looking for COVID-19 Guidance?

- **NEW!** [Local Youth Sports and Activity Recommendations](#)
- [Santa Cruz County Public Information](#)
- [Santa Cruz County School and Childcare Guidance](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Guidance](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Guidance](#)



Public Health Reminders

- It's important to continue to wear a mask in crowded outdoor spaces and in indoor settings. This helps reduce the spread and **protect loved ones**.
- Community spread of COVID-19 is occurring, being exposed or testing positive to COVID-19 can happen. Let's do our part to reduce the stigma of testing positive.
- Take a moment to **enjoy time outside** and soak in the beautiful Santa Cruz weather!

