

Covid-19 Update

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It has been 273 days since the first case was reported in the United States. Since then, the country has seen more than 8.1 million cases and almost 220,000 deaths.

Over the past week, there have been an average of 56,615 cases per day. This is a 30% increase from the average just two weeks earlier. In Contra Costa County, there has been 18,214 cases and 236 deaths. There has been a significant rise in cases around the country. Contra Costa has not been part of that.

The County is currently tracking to meet the criteria for the orange tier on the States reopening plan. And just as a reminder, the metrics are testing positivity, the seven-day average, case rate per 100 thousand and hospitalizations. The seven-day average has a seven-day lag. Currently we are at 1.9%. We also have an equity metric which is that same average but using the lowest quartile and we are currently at 3%.

Our adjusted case rate, which is your case rate per 100,000, is currently at 3.8%. That formal result should be released later today.

The County is expected to be meeting the orange tier criteria, which has to be met for two weeks before officially moving into those tier regulations. The County should move into the orange tier on November 3, 2020.

Health Services has spent the last few weeks listening to what our community needs. The community has provide a lot of feedback, the greatest request being for data. The dashboard is available at cchealth.org where there is over 100 points of data. Health Services are going to be opening up data office hours, they are hoping for every Friday, and those will be open to the community. We are starting with some special interest groups. But we will be posting those on our website. Watch out for the data office hours where you could actually go on and ask questions or type them into a chat.

Efforts are being made toward taking some of the questions that come into our call center and try to answer those right off the bat. Frequently Asked Questions is constantly under improvement . Recently on to that dashboard is the case positivity rate for census tracks.

It has been relayed by the public that traveling to testing sites during normal business hours can be a barrier. So, the county is opening sites in neighborhoods at highest risk We recently opened sites in North Richmond, Bay Point and the Monument Corridor. More appointments are being madeavailable on the weekends. Appointments are available at every site pretty much the same day, if not the next day. We are currently about one to two days turnaround for your testing results. Again we are in a different situation than we were in the summer where we were taking a little bit longer to get the test results.

The next step is to support community specific testing efforts, starting at West County Health Center on Saturday, November 7th, where we are going to serve community specific testing push to really encourage testing.

Efforts are underway to work with partners to identify additional places around the county for testing, sort of pop-up sites. It is important to bring services to people where they are whenever we can in the safest manner possible. Health Services will be working with community health partners, including the clinics, other local providers as well as really reaching out to pharmacies to explore other testing options as we sort of look into the fall and winter months when we're really going to have to think about moving testing almost exclusively inside.

Budget updates in relation to Covid 19 impacts were provided by Health Services, Employment and Human Services and Probation.