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## **COVID-19 Update: The Rise in Cases is Slowing**

### *3,500 Lake County Residents Vaccinated, to Date*

**Lake County, CA** – Fortunately, it appears Lake County’s rise in COVID-19 cases that started in November has begun to improve. Our daily Case Rate remains very high, at 61/100,000, so there is still a strong likelihood of coming into contact with the virus when visiting busy stores, for example. However, Test Positivity is beginning to decrease (now at 12.2%). Hospitals are not nearly as full as they have been for the last several weeks. Lake County remains in the State’s Purple Tier, meaning outdoor dining, only, is permitted at restaurants, for example:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Precautions taken by Californians have slowed the spread statewide. Earlier this week, Governor Newsom relaxed the Regional Stay Home Orders and Limited Stay Home Order that placed a Statewide curfew (from 10pm-5am), as a result.

### **Vaccine Distribution Update**

The Health Department received 800 doses of vaccine this week (up from 300-400 in recent weeks), and will get another 800 next week. Approximately 3,500 Lake County residents have now been vaccinated.

Given the continuing shortage, prioritization remains necessary. Vaccination of school staff will be complete by the end of next week. Vulnerable elders are a focus, as well. According to 2019 estimates, Lake County has 5,300 residents aged 75+ and 9,100 aged 65-74. We continue to move vaccine out into the community, sharing doses with clinical partners and vaccinating people at stand-up sites in Lakeport and Clearlake, with the aim of using up all vaccine we receive each week.

Accelerating the rate of immunization remains a primary focus. We are advocating to get significantly more doses, and making preparations to accommodate further vaccination clinics. We are not making appointments for the general public at this point; those in eligible categories are being contacted to schedule. Please do not show up at of our sites site without an appointment. You will not get a vaccine.

Senior Centers are reaching out to the most vulnerable people they regularly serve; proactively calling Senior Centers is not an effective way to get an appointment.

If you or a loved one are in an eligible group and you haven’t been contacted, reach out to your medical provider.

For information on vaccines and clinics, visit <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>, call 211, or text covid19 to 211-211. If you utilize these resources, and still have questions, call our MHOAC line, 707-263-8174.

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