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COVID-19 Update: Nearly 50% of Lake County Residents Have Received a Dose of Vaccine

*ALL Lake County Residents Age 16+ Now Eligible - Age 18+ visit <https://MyTurn.ca.gov/>
Ages 16-17, http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines/Vaccination_Request_Form.htm*

Lake County, CA (April 23, 2021) — Very soon, 50% of the adult population in Lake County will have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, and everyone 16 and older is now eligible. Already, we are starting to see some positive changes. Lake County moved into the Orange Tier, and Governor Newsom expects we will move past the Blueprint altogether June 15.

COVID-19 cases are down to 5.7/100,000 in Lake County, test positivity is at 3.4%, and we have few COVID hospitalizations and no reported deaths for several weeks. We appear to be moving into a new phase of the pandemic -- we still need to be careful and wear masks, but we can begin moving back to the routines of a more normal life, especially once vaccinated.

Because the situation has stabilized in Lake County, today's release is our last regular written COVID-19 Update; moving forward, we will issue public information when there are significant changes to announce.

Changes in COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Are on the Horizon

We will soon shift the way Lake County residents get vaccinated. The large Drive-Thru sites will be discontinued in the coming weeks, but vaccine will still be available at Sutter and Adventist's clinics, for example, and some pharmacies. Information on all options currently available in Lake County is available here:

<http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>

OptumServe Sites in Lakeport and Lower Lake to Offer COVID-19 Vaccine Starting Week of May 3

Starting the week of May 3, OptumServe's sites in Lakeport and Lower Lake will be open Monday-Friday. Here is the schedule of services that will be offered:

- **Lakeport** (10am-7pm, Silveira Community Center, 500 N. Main St) – Vaccine Mondays and Fridays; Testing Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- **Lower Lake** (7am-7pm, Lower Lake Town Hall, 16195 Main St.) – Vaccine Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Testing Mondays and Tuesdays

Appointments can be accessed at <https://MyTurn.ca.gov>. People can return to locations where they received their first dose as long as they remain open, or get the second dose at another site. Both are scheduled on MyTurn.

Vaccines Continue to Have a Strong Safety Record: J&J Pause Demonstrates Commitment to Safety

Over the past few weeks, national reports of rare problems with the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine led to a pause in the use of this vaccine, with further scientific reviews expected later this week. Regional reports of

people getting infected even after vaccination have also emerged.

These concerns are valid, but should not cause people to delay getting vaccinated. By all reports, complications are very rare, the vaccines work against all variants currently circulating in the area, and the number of people getting infected after vaccination is in the expected low range. I am not aware of any Lake County residents testing positive after the two week period following their final dose.

As we move into this new phase of the pandemic, please continue to use common sense in protecting yourself and your family. Vaccination is a game-changer, and as more people are protected, we will be able to resume a more normal lifestyle with less worry. Please do your part, by getting the vaccine as soon as you are able.

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