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Provider Health Advisory

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Increasing COVID-19 Cases – Get Vaccinated

Contra Costa Public Health is issuing this advisory to provide situational awareness regarding recent increase in COVID-19 cases. In light of this increase, we want to take the opportunity to remind Healthcare Providers and Long-Term Care Facilities in Contra Costa County of the importance of vaccination to protect against severe outcomes of COVID-19.

In recent weeks, we have observed an uptick in COVID-19 cases across Contra Costa County. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is also reporting a 3% increase in [COVID-19 test positivity](#). This serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of vaccination in our collective efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus. As healthcare providers and caregivers in long term care facilities, your role in promoting vaccination among eligible individuals is pivotal in safeguarding the health and well-being of our community.

We anticipate the availability of a new vaccine formulation for the upcoming 2024-2025 respiratory season. In the meantime, it remains imperative that we continue to encourage vaccination for all eligible individuals. As a reminder, everyone should have received at least one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine that became available in the fall of 2023.

For individuals aged 65 years and older or those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, an additional dose of the 2023-2024 formulation is recommended at least 4 months following the last recommended dose (or 2 months for those who are immunocompromised). Specific guidelines for children may vary based on age, and we encourage you to refer to the latest recommendations from the CDC for further details: [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#).

By working together to ensure high vaccination coverage in our community, we can effectively reduce the impact of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable. Please continue to emphasize the importance of vaccination during patient interactions and within your facilities.