COVID-19 Update

• ↓28.62 case rate per 100K population *(excludes state/federal prison/detention population)*

• ↓14% testing positivity *(excludes state/federal prison/detention population)*

• ↓359 new cases between 2/16/22 - 2/22/22
  - 18+ yrs.: 80.78%
  - 5-17 yrs.: 14.76%
  - 0-4 yrs.: 4.46%

• 1,530 variants of concern (348 Omicron & 1,182 Delta)

• ↓156 hospitalized patients (COVID & non-COVID-19), morning of 2/28/22
  - ↓23 COVID-19 positive hospitalized patients, ↓10 in ICU
  - 3 ICU beds available

• ↓5 active workplace outbreaks, 1 pending confirmation

https://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19/covid-19-data/
https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/
https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/
COVID-19 Update
https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/

Confirmed cases in Imperial County:
- 54,509 total confirmed cases
- 142 new cases (0.3% increase)
- 30.3 cases per 100K (7-day average)

Positivity rate in Imperial County:
- 10.1% test positivity (7-day rate)
- 3.2% decrease from 7-days prior

COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Imperial County:
- 23 COVID-19 hospitalized patients
  - 1 fewer patients hospitalized from prior day total (4.2% decrease)
COVID-19 Vaccination

https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/

- 91% fully vaccinated (5 yrs. and older)
- 47,988 with a booster
- 6,499 with an additional dose
State Masking Guidance Updates

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx

• Effective March 1, 2022, the requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings will move to a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status, continue indoor masking.

• Universal masking shall remain required in specified high-risk settings. Public transportation, emergency shelters and cooling/heating centers, healthcare settings, state and local correctional facilities/detention centers, homeless shelters, long term care settings, adult & senior care facilities, and indoors in K-12 schools and childcare (through March 11, 2022)

• After March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.
2021 Public Health Department COVID-19 Response Highlights
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Communication, Outreach, Education

• 19 news conferences, plus numerous interviews with media partners
• 16 virtual community forums/updates
• 17 conference calls with local communication/public information officers
• 17 meetings with/updates to City Managers/Mayors, plus numerous email updates
• 13 meetings with/updates to County Department Heads
• 26 meetings with/updates to County Office of Education/School Districts
• 38 updates to Imperial County Board of Supervisors
• Numerous other meetings with, or updates to, other partners and groups (i.e., hospitals, vaccine providers, community based organizations, businesses, rotary clubs, community college, university, neighboring counties, state/federal offices, Governor’s Office, legislators, etc.)
Communication, Outreach, Education

- Media: radio, television, newspaper, digital/streaming, billboards (static/digital), mall kiosks, coin machines, ATMs, movie theaters (English/Spanish)
- Campaigns: Help Us, Help Them; Mask Up!; Together to Immunity; Safe Schools, Booster all the Way! (English/Spanish)
- Social media reach: 5.27 million+ on Facebook, 16.2 thousand+ on Instagram
- Community resource fairs, special events: 8 fairs attended
- Door-to-door events: 7 conducted, 1,600 door hangers delivered
- Resource fairs: 7 events attended, 520 people reached
- Mass mailer campaign: 55,530 flyers mailed
- Public Health Department’s Call Center: 16,025 phone calls received
2021 Public Health Department COVID-19 Response Highlights:

Public Health Nursing Liaison
• Congregate settings (i.e., jail, juvenile hall, skilled nursing, assisted living facilities, etc.)
• County employee response team, cross-trained County Behavioral Health Nursing staff

COVID-19 Vaccination
• 316 clinics held (drive-thru, curbside, fixed site & small-, mid-, large-scale)
• 52 home visits (Calexico, Heber, Brawley, Westmorland, Holtville)
• Electronic employer vaccine assessment portal for planning/coordination
• Partnership with an array of public and private organizations (i.e., healthcare, pharmacies, agriculture, education, faith-based, community-based, health plans, business, government, etc.)
2021 Public Health Department COVID-19 Response Highlights:

- **Testing**: State-supported fixed sites and mobile unit resources
- **Public Health Laboratory**: expanded testing capacity, conducted ongoing testing of specimen (mostly from congregate settings, including the County Jail)
- **Contact tracing/case investigation**: 20 Public Health, 1 County Department, 43 redirected State (up to 6/30/21), 5 Public Health Institute (starting Nov 2021)
- **Outbreaks**: 148 outbreaks investigated, numerous requests for technical assistance
- **Wastewater surveillance** pilot, in partnership with City of Calexico and the State
- **Web-based portals** developed by Public Health Department for employers, schools, child care for positive case reporting
- Array of **other systems, reports, dashboards** developed/maintained by Public Health
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  • 120 resource requests received from 28 medical providers/facilities
  • 2 million+ personal protective equipment items distributed: gloves, respirators, masks (N95, surgical), goggles, gowns, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.
  • Medical equipment, beds/cots, ventilators, tents, testing kit supplies, etc.
  • Staffing requests
  • COVID-19 treatment allocation coordination
  • EMS stakeholder meetings
  • Hospital coordination meetings with local and state partners
Thank you