



Updates to the SRCS Student & Staff COVID-19 Testing Programs

July 27, 2022





Topics for Review

- Reduction in County-sourced symptomatic and asymptomatic testing opportunities.
- Ongoing concerns for increasing COVID transmissibility
- Continuing testing mandates for unvaccinated employees and volunteers
- CDPH transition to Antigen-only testing (professional & OTC)
- CDPH sponsored, professionally administered “in-house” SRCS symptomatic & asymptomatic testing through the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force

The information in the following slides provides additional information to guide discussion.

Current Changes for Testing Resources

In April, Sonoma County Department of Public Health announced a planned reduction or removal of COVID-19 rapid testing resources and personnel at several sites across the County, including LELA.

In June CDPH announced plans to prioritize resourcing and support for Antigen testing (professional and OTC) for K-12 settings in lieu of current PCR-based testing operations. Current PCR testing programs* are to be phased out by early August.

*SRCS is a candidate for continued PCR-based Voluntary “Pool” Testing.

Concerns for Increasing Transmissibility and related needs for ongoing COVID testing

CDPH has expressed growing concern for the increased transmissibility of emerging COVID variants.

Anticipation of a surge (or surges) in case positivity (return to campus + OTC positive non-reporting + asymptomatic presence + pervasive COVID social negligence) increases the likelihood of COVID outbreaks.

High percentage of symptomatic ambiguity in potential positive cases.

Sonoma County Case Information: 7-15-22

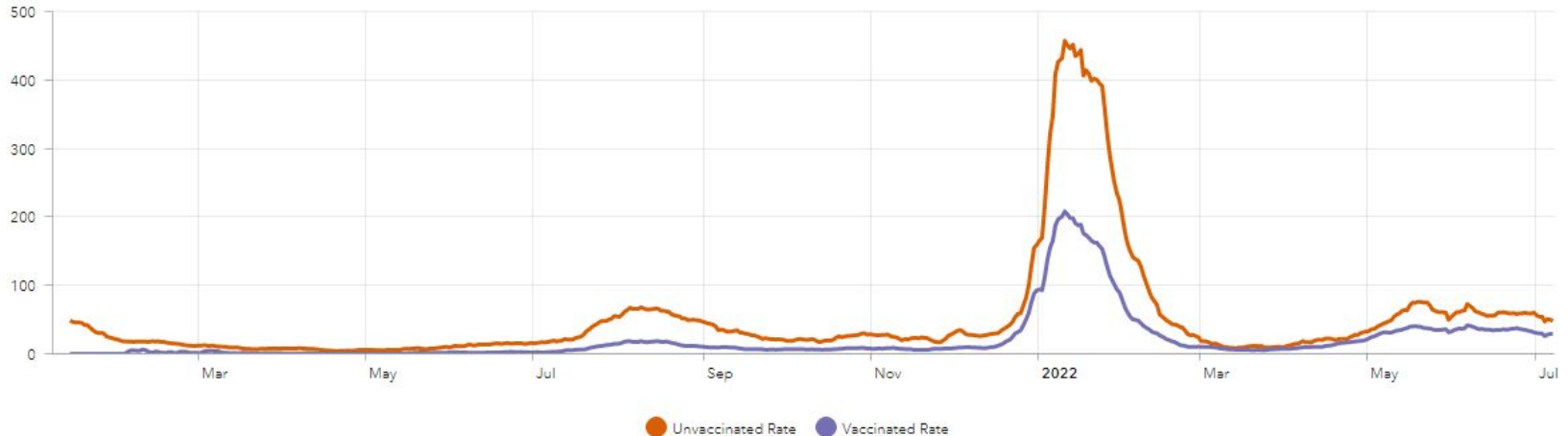
Sonoma County Cases

Active 3739 0.73% of Population	Deaths 500 0.5% of Cases	Recovered 95626 96% of Cases	Total 99865 19.61% of Population
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Sonoma County Last 24 Hrs

Active ↓ 53	Deaths 0	Recovered ↑ 136	Total ↑ 83
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New Cases per Day per 100,000 Residents, by Vaccination Status (7 day average, 7 day lag)





Current Testing Requirements

<https://socoemergency.org/amendment-no-3-to-order-of-the-health-officer-of-the-county-of-sonoma-c19-32/>

Effective 3-7-2022, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services returned to **once-weekly** mandated COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated* employees (instead of the previous twice-weekly). This mandate currently remains in place for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Additionally, as per Cal/OSHA stipulations, volunteers are designated as “workers” and as such are likewise subject to employee COVID-19 testing mandates.

*“Unvaccinated” includes partially vaccinated or declined to state.

Transition To Prioritized Antigen Testing

CDPH is discontinuing resourcing for current PCR-based COVID testing programs in lieu of individual and/or site (district) based direction:

- OTC (over the counter) Antigen kits for at-home self administering
- OTC Antigen kits for surge distribution through schools (as available).
- Professionally administered Antigen testing through the CDPH *California COVID-19 Testing Task Force Rapid Testing Program*
 - CLIA Certified as of July 2022 for CDPH compliance and BinaxNOW testing
 - Designed for both symptomatic and asymptomatic staff and student COVID-19 testing
 - Satisfies CDPH and Cal/OSHA employee mandated testing requirements
 - Effective for confirmatory symptomatic testing, and routine testing for assurance of non-infectious status.
 - Currently operated by existing contracted Maxim Staffing personnel
 - Scalable for increased surge response as needed



Thank You

Questions?