

# TRANSITIONS IN THE NAPA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 RESPONSE

*The Covid-19 pandemic is shifting from an emergency state to a steady state with a focus on effective prevention and mitigation strategies.*



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# PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE CONTINUES TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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- [Continue to mitigate infection equitably](#)
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- Continue to promote layered prevention strategies that have slowed COVID-19 transmission. Link to [general strategies](#) and link to [detailed information](#)
- [Public communication, information, and outreach](#)



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# CONTINUE TO MITIGATE INFECTION EQUITABLY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

- **Vaccination:** Highly effective COVID-19 vaccines that prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death are available. This protection persists, even with the currently relevant variants. Both the healthcare system and public health must continue to conduct vaccination operations to reach at risk populations that need initial or booster doses.
- **Treatments:** Allocate treatments to local medical providers as they become available and facilitate transition of these pharmaceutical interventions to the healthcare system. Inform the public about available treatments and encourage individuals, especially those at risk for severe disease, to reach out to their doctor for information about treatment options.
- Continue funding to **Vaccine Outreach Collaborative (VOC)** to reduce barriers to vaccine access and provide accurate information and education via trusted messengers.

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# PROVIDE SUPPORT TO HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

- **Monitor hospitalizations and support healthcare entities** to maintain capacity to treat all patients, with the goal of avoiding healthcare surges that negatively affect patient care standards.
- **Support congregate settings**, such as long-term care facilities and schools, in preventing and controlling the spread of the disease in vulnerable populations.

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# COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND DASHBOARD UPDATES

- Starting now, Public Health will gradually reduce reporting frequency for new COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Case count updates will be reported on less frequently. As more home-based testing is utilized, this indicator is no longer as effective for surveillance.
- Public Health will continue to monitor for and report on the presence of new COVID-19 variants.

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# CONTINUE TO PROMOTE LAYERED PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- **Masking**
- **Testing**
- **Self-isolation/self-quarantine**
- **Focused case investigation**
- **Improved ventilation**
- **Supporting the most vulnerable**

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# LAYERED PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- **Masking**, or wearing a facial covering, particularly a surgical grade mask or a KN-95 or N-95 respirator, reduces both the likelihood of transmitting the disease and the likelihood of becoming infected.
- **Testing** - In recent months, testing has shifted from established laboratory settings to increased home-based testing with the proliferation of readily available antigen tests. As this shift continues, Public Health will continue to ensure an adequate and equitable supply and distribution of tests throughout all populations.
- **Self-isolation/self-quarantine** – As individuals have symptoms and/or test positive for COVID, they should continue to stay home when sick. Persons who are contacts of symptomatic individuals should limit contact with others, consider self-quarantine, and get tested.
- Click [HERE](#) for additional detailed strategies



# LAYERED PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- **Focused case investigation** – The high level of transmissibility, less severity and shorter incubation period of the Omicron variant have reduced the utility and feasibility of universal case investigation and contact tracing for each COVID-19 case. With these recent developments, transmission is likely to have occurred before testing results are received by Public Health. Case investigation and contact tracing involving high risk settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long term care facilities, jails, and schools will continue. This shift aligns with recommendations from the State and other Public Health entities.
- **Improved ventilation** – Providing guidance to improve indoor air quality through ventilation, filtration, and/or other technologies.
- **Supporting the most vulnerable** - Target prevention strategies to the most vulnerable persons, populations, and settings, including testing, distribution of higher quality masks, and early access to antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments. Collaborate with community partners to assist and connect vulnerable or under resourced individuals to essential resources like housing, food, and health or mental health services.

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# PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION AND OUTREACH

- **Public messaging** and education on new developments in public health guidance, treatment options, vaccination opportunities, tools, and resources will continue. Frequency will vary depending on changes in guidance from CDC, FDA and CDPH.
- **Information sharing** will continue via the County of Napa website, Facebook, Instagram, and the Vaccine Outreach Collaborative, as well as other healthcare partners.
- A combination of in-person and virtual strategies via trusted messengers will continue as needed and as expanded eligibility continues.
- For an interesting read on Pandemics end, click on the article below (10-minute read)  
<https://yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com/p/what-now-how-pandemics-end?s=r>

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