COVID-19 VACCINE TASK FORCE

Meeting #18
January 26, 2022
10:30 – 11:30am

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Vaccine Task Force Overview

Mission: The Vaccine Task Force is a countywide, multi-sector collaboration addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and working toward community recovery and resilience.

Task Force Purpose (2022)

- Members stay informed on COVID-19 status
- Helps connect various sectors with vaccine information
- Provides input about barriers to services, community needs and prioritizes equity
- Shares rumors and circulating misinformation to ensure PH messages are responsive to current needs
- Acts as a trusted messenger to unique audiences, amplifies and clarifies PH messaging

COVID-19 Status in SLO County

Total cases	**43,234**
Active cases	3,949
14 day daily case avg	787
Case rate per 100k	**1,395**
Hospitalizations	**54**
ICU	11
General	43
Deaths	**384**
Pending	18

Data from 1.23.22

SLO County COVID-19 Cases by Month

SLO County COVID-19 cases by month

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Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan (to date)
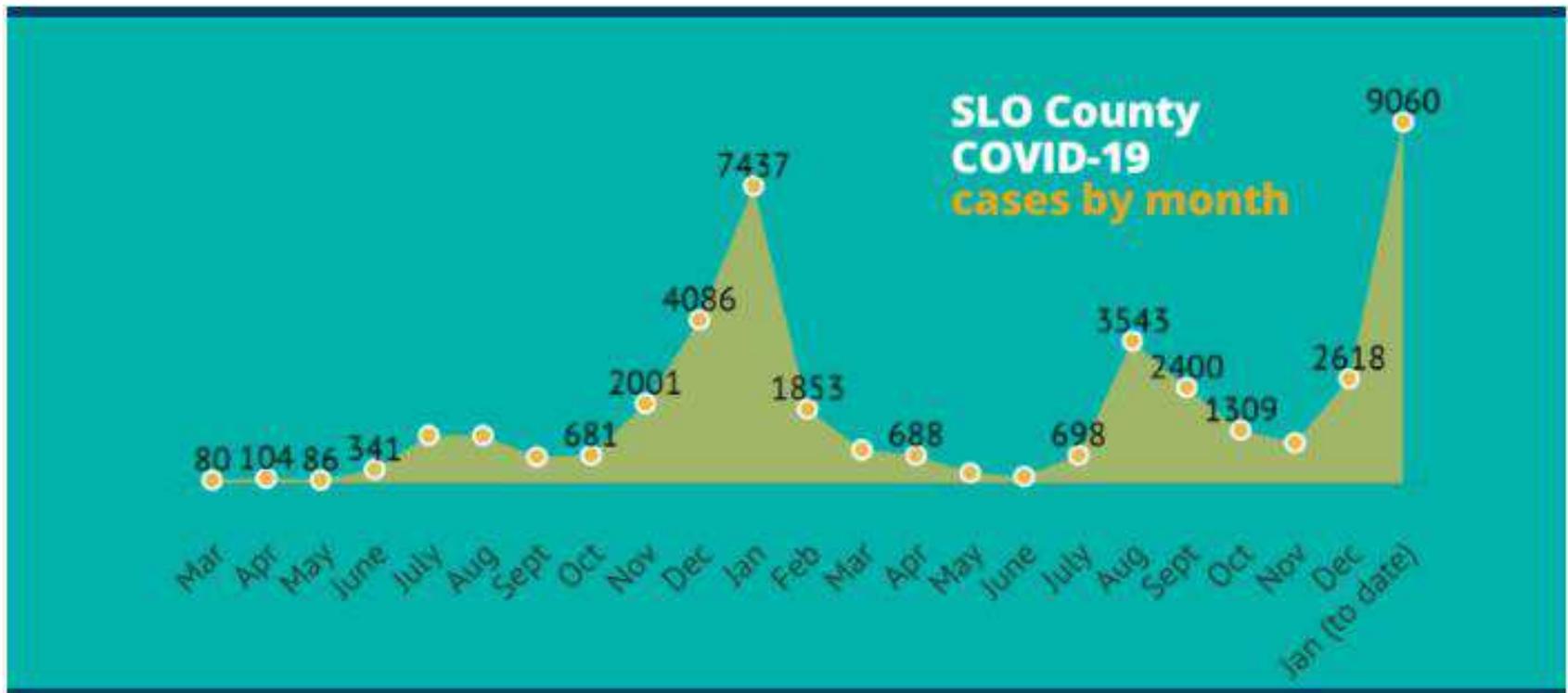
SLO County Outbreak Data

	1/24/22	12/8/21
Congregate Settings:	59	10
K-12 Schools:	52	31
Preschool/Child Care:	34	10

Data from 1.24.22

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Omicron, SLO County

- 97% of local specimens sequenced are Omicron
- 3% are Delta

- Even though hospitalizations and deaths are high, proportionally less severe disease.

Vaccines

Primary Series Doses by Age, SLO County

■ Partially Vaccinated **■ Fully Vaccinated** **■ Unvaccinated**

Age	Percent
75+	**82%**
65-74	**80%**
50-64	**76%**
40-49	**75%**
30-39	**73%**
18-29	**51%**
12-17	**49%**
5-11	**23%**

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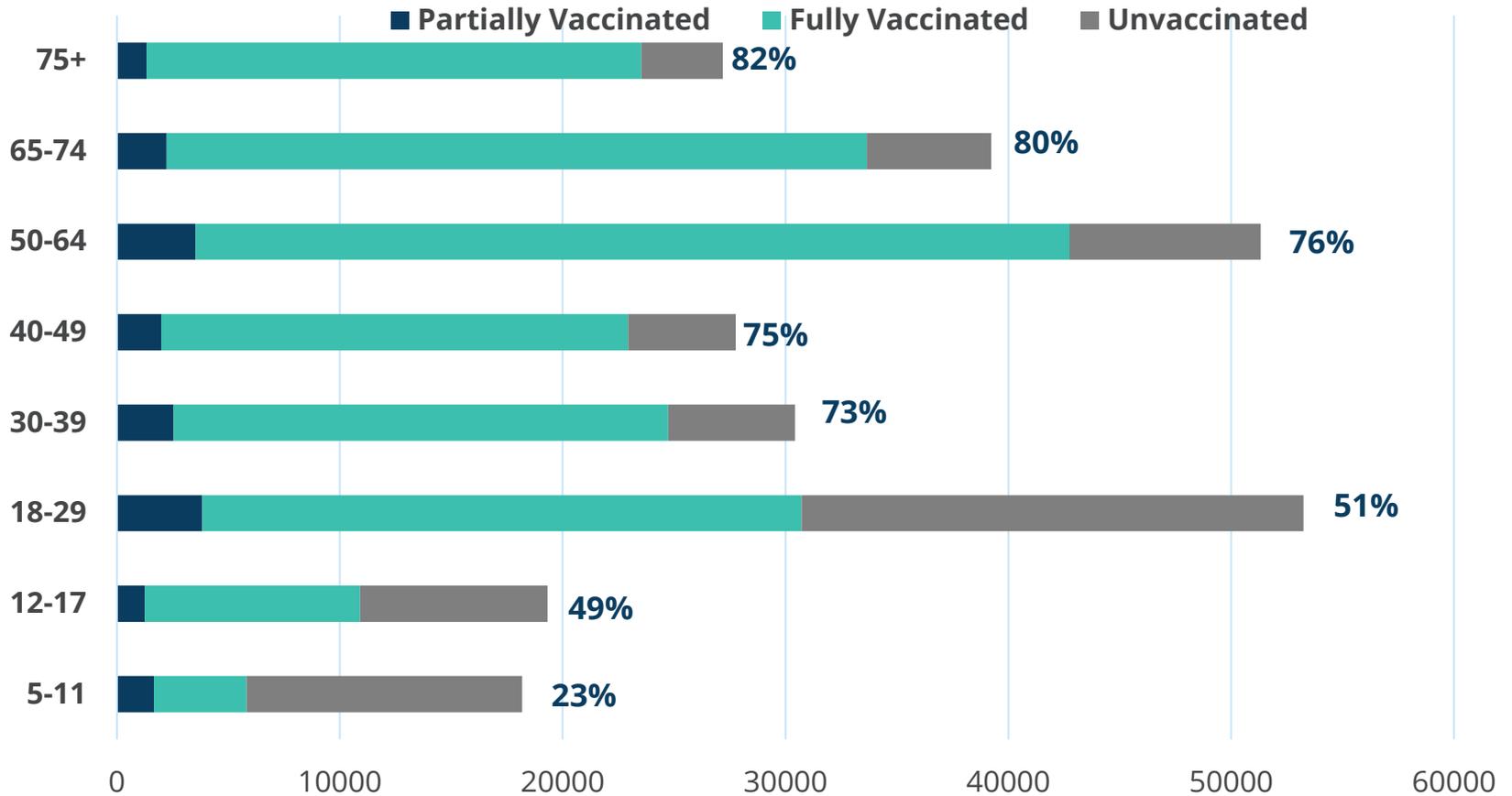
DoF Pop Estimates (2021) and Snowflake Local Health Jurisdiction Data (1.23.22)

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Vaccination Rates

	Statewide	SLO County
Partially vaccinated	8.8%	7.0%
Fully vaccinated	72.3%	66.0%
Total	**81.1%**	**73.3%**

45% of SLO County boosted

Boosters/Additional Doses, by Age, SLO County

	Received Booster	Eligible, Have Not Received Booster	
12-17		78.9%	7,387
18-49	43.8%	56.2%	62,192
50-64	60.7%	39.3%	36,463
65+	75.3%	24.7%	51,320

■ Received Booster   ☐ Eligible, Have Not Received Booster

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Vaccination Status by Race / Ethnicity

Goal: >75% in every group

Fully vaccinated (primary series) over time

100.0%
61.5%
62.6%
61.8%
52.3%
42.8%
28.6%

Week Ending Date
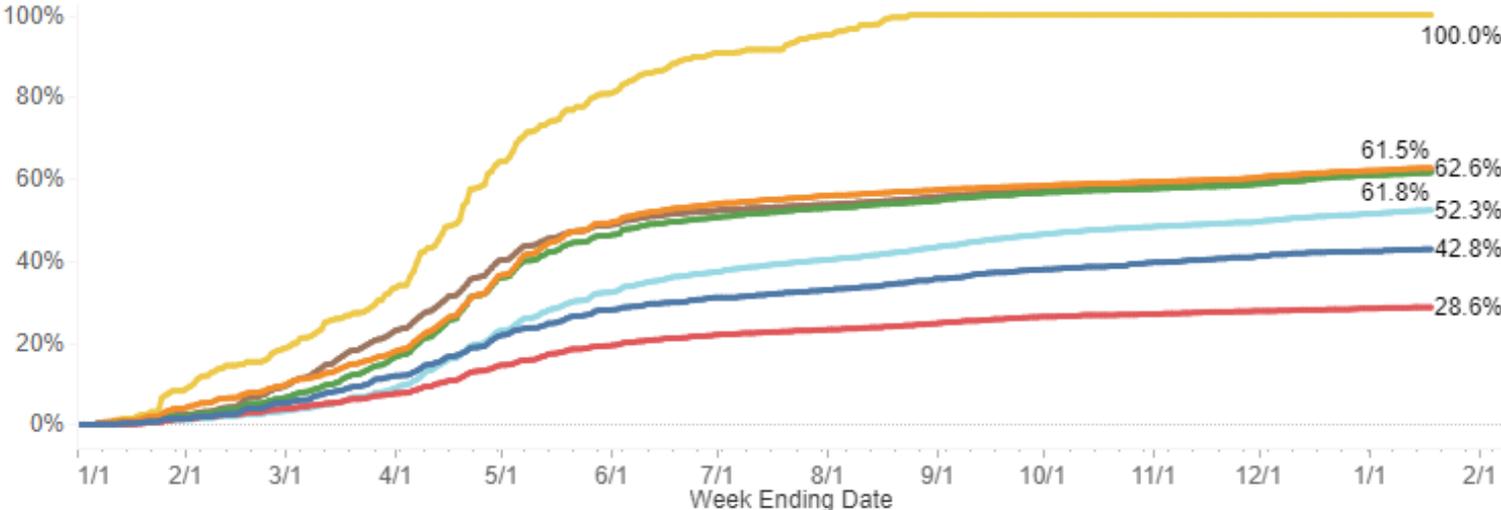
Note: Population estimates do not include "other" or "unknown" race and ethnicity categories, therefore their percentage of state population is not available. Some race/ethnicity groups in this county may have small populations. Where the county of residence was not reported, the county where vaccinated is used. Data is not shown where there are fewer than 11 records in a group.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian American
- Black
- Latino
- Multi-Race
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- Other Race
- Unknown
- White

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/COVID-19/Data.aspx

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Vaccination Status by Vaccine Equity Metric

SLO County Vaccination Progress by Quartile
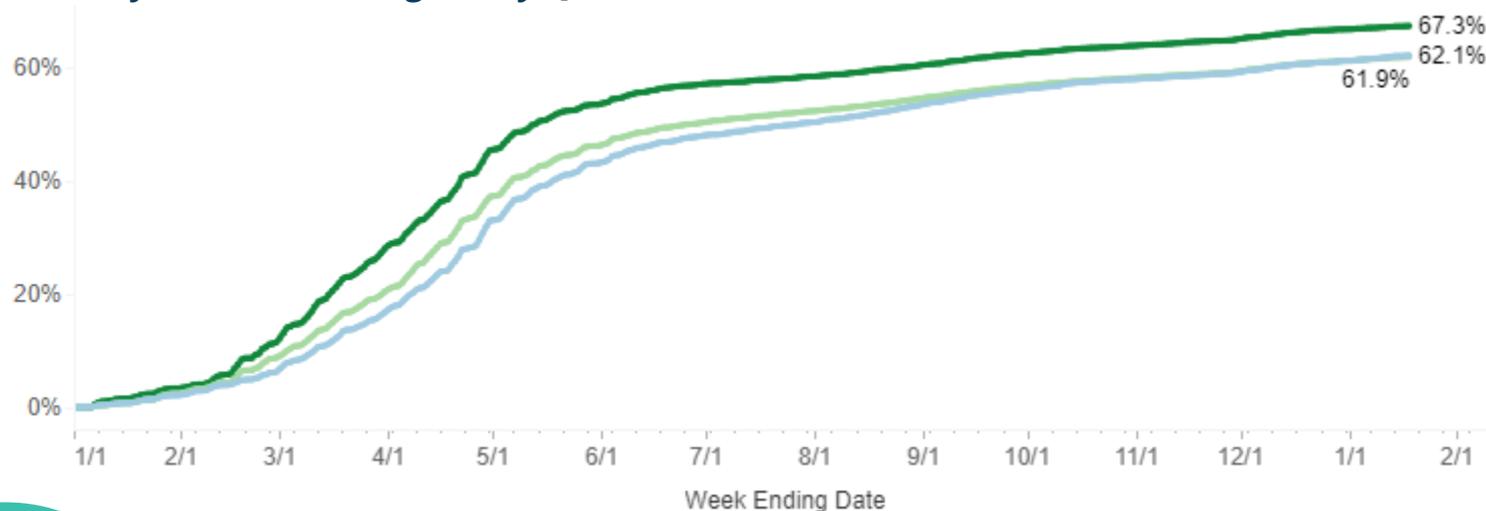
Goal: <10% difference between highest & lowest Q

Community Conditions
← Less Healthy   More Healthy →
■ 1   ■ 2   ■ 3   ■ 4

67.3%
62.1%
61.9%

Week Ending Date

Data based on State Quartiles   https://tableau.cdt.ca.gov/#/views/COVID-19LHJVaccineProgressDashboardV1/LHJProgressUpdate-byCounty?:iid=1

Medi-Cal COVID-19 Vaccination Status, SLO

	Non Medi-Cal Beneficiaries	Medical Beneficiaries	Difference
California	79.1%	52.7%	26.4%
San Luis Obispo County	71.8%	**49.3%**	22.5%

Goal: <10% difference

DHCS Data 12.27.21   https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/COVID-19/DHCS-COVID-19-Vaccine-Stats.pdf

Vaccinate and Unvaccinated Data, CA

Cases

- Unvaccinated persons were **4.1 times more likely** to contract COVID-19 than fully vaccinated individuals. (January 3, 2022 – January 9, 2022)

Hospitalizations

- Unvaccinated people were **6.0 times more likely** to be hospitalized for COVID-19 than fully vaccinated individuals. (December 27, 2021 – January 2, 2022)

Deaths

- Unvaccinated people were **17.8 times more likely** to die from COVID-19 than fully vaccinated individuals. (December 20, 2021 – December 26, 2021)

https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/#postvax-status

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Data, Deaths

In San Luis Obispo County, **7%** of COVID-19 deaths have been vaccinated.

CenCal Vaccination Progress

- **748 Gift Cards distributed (1st doses)** between 10.14.21 – 11.30.21

- **Mailers, postcards, provider incentives**

City	# Unvaxxed CenCal Members (12/30/21)
Paso Robles	6,692
San Luis Obispo	3,521
Atascadero	3,377
Nipomo	3,035
Arroyo Grande	2,558
Grover Beach	1,605
Oceano	1,098
Templeton	1,080
San Miguel	1,038

Skilled Nursing Facilities, SLO County

- Staff – 95.5% vaccinated
- Residents – 93.8% vaccinated

Data as of 1.06.22

Booster Guidance

Interval between primary series and booster is now **5 months** for Pfizer (age 12+) and Moderna (age 18+), 2 months for J&J

IMM-1396_Vaccine Eligibility Chart(ages5-11)final11-3-21 (eziz.org)

	Dose	Age:	5-11	12-17	18+
Pfizer– Pediatric (5-11)	**Primary 2 doses** (21 days apart)		✓		
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Pfizer dose		✓		
Pfizer/ Comirnaty (12+)	**Primary 2 doses** (21 days apart)			✓	✓
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Pfizer dose			✓	✓
	Booster dose* of Pfizer (or Moderna if age 18+), at least **5** months after 2nd dose (3rd dose if immunocompromised) of Pfizer			✓	✓
Moderna (18+)	**Primary 2 doses** (28 days apart)				✓
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Moderna dose				✓
	Booster dose* of Moderna (**half-dose**) or Pfizer, at least **5** months after 2nd dose (3rd dose if immunocompromised) of Pfizer				✓
Johnson & Johnson (18+) Use of Pfizer or Moderna is preferred.*	**Primary 1 dose**				✓
	Booster dose* of different brand (preferred) or J&J, at least 2 months after primary J&J dose				✓

Mobile Vaccine Clinics, Age 5+

1/27   **San Miguel,** Lillian Larsen Elementary
Thursday, 3 – 6pm

1/29   **Los Osos,** Baywood Elementary*
Friday, 3 - 6pm

2/2   **San Luis Obispo,** CL Smith *
Wednesday, 3 - 6pm

2/3   **Atascadero,** Santa Rosa Academic Academy*
Thursday, 3 – 5:30pm

* Flu vaccines available

Open to the public

No appointment necessary

Details: SLOPublicHealth.org/COVID19/Vaccines

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Testing & Treatment

Testing Sites

CHC testing options:

- CHC patients - call Navigation Center (866) 614-4636
- Non-CHC patients, must call ahead for appointment
  - CHC Templeton – Wednesdays (805)542-6700
  - CHC Fair Oaks (Arroyo Grande) – Fridays (805)270-1700

Free Community Testing Sites (PCR):

- Avg 5 days for results. Valencia Lab inundated.

Federal Testing Updates

COVIDtests.gov

- **Four** free at-home tests can be shipped to each home through the new Federal COVIDtests.gov program

- Health insurance not required

Insurance reimbursement for over-the-counter tests

- Eight tests per month per individual on the plan

- More information at cms.gov

If your plan has set up a network of convenient options such as pharmacies and retailers, in which individuals can get their tests' cost covered up front (at the point of sale) then the plan is permitted to limit the reimbursement for tests purchased outside of their network to $12 per test (or the actual price of the test, if less than $12). If more than one test is purchased or ordered at a time, such as a package with two tests in it, then the insurer would reimburse up to $12 for each of the tests purchased at that time.

https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free

Treatment

- Monoclonal antibody treatment supply is limited and can vary day-to-day.

- Because supply is limited, health care providers are following NIH guidelines and only providing treatment to patients most at-risk.

Partnerships

NAACP – SLO County Branch

Town Hall

Promotores

Vaccine Street Team
San Miguel

TMHA

Farm Bureau

- Press releases, key talking points included in member newsletters

- Promotion of mobile clinics for agriculture workers

COVID VACCINES FOR AGRICULTURE WORKERS

Bring COVID-19 Protection and Education to Your Employees!

Now is the time to help workers connect with COVID-19 vaccine, boosters, and education. SLO County Public Health educators are happy to visit your work site to share information, answer questions, address concerns and clarify information about COVID-19 and vaccines. The team can also offer a mobile vaccine clinic at your work site at no cost to employers or workers. (We ask for two weeks advance notice and at least 25 participants.)

Please contact Demetrio Morales-Salazar, Outreach Coordinator, at 805-788-2128 or dmoralessalazar@co.slo.ca.us for more information. Multilingual (English, Spanish, & Mixteco) support is available. Find testing info here.

Pop-Up Clinics and Resources for Ag Workers

Demetrio Morales-Salazar is available to connect with farmworkers, answer questions, and provide information about the COVID-19 vaccines in

**English, Spanish, and Mixteco**.

CONTACT:

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Communications Update

- New PSA series featuring local ER and ICU doctors

- Increasing frequency on TV, including during Olympics; continuing to play on radio and in cinemas

- New billboards and bus ads

- Simple data-focused graphics for social media

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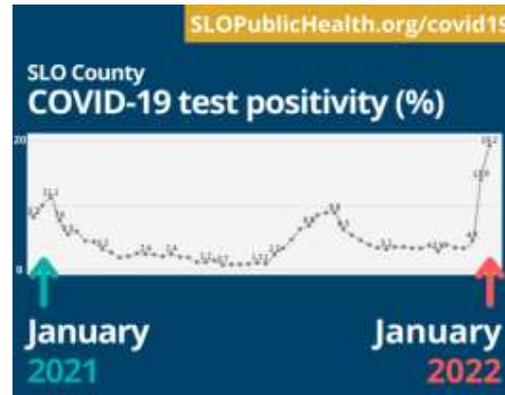
Successes

- What is working in your sector?

Grant Opportunity

- SLO County has released an RFP for nonprofits under the **American Rescue Plan Act Grant**

- Grants provide local assistance for nonprofit orgs responding to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency

- $25,000 minimum award amount

- Apply by 5pm on March 1st

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Administrative-Office/Forms-Documents/Grants/Non-Profit-American-Rescue-Plan-Act-(ARPA)-grants/Non-Profit-ARPA-RFA_Final.pdf

Questions?

Closing Comments

- Vaccine Task Force will meet on the 4th Weds of each month

- Meeting materials available at:
https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/COVID-19/Vaccines/Vaccine-Task-Force.aspx

Thank you!