COVID-19 UPDATE

February 23, 2022

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

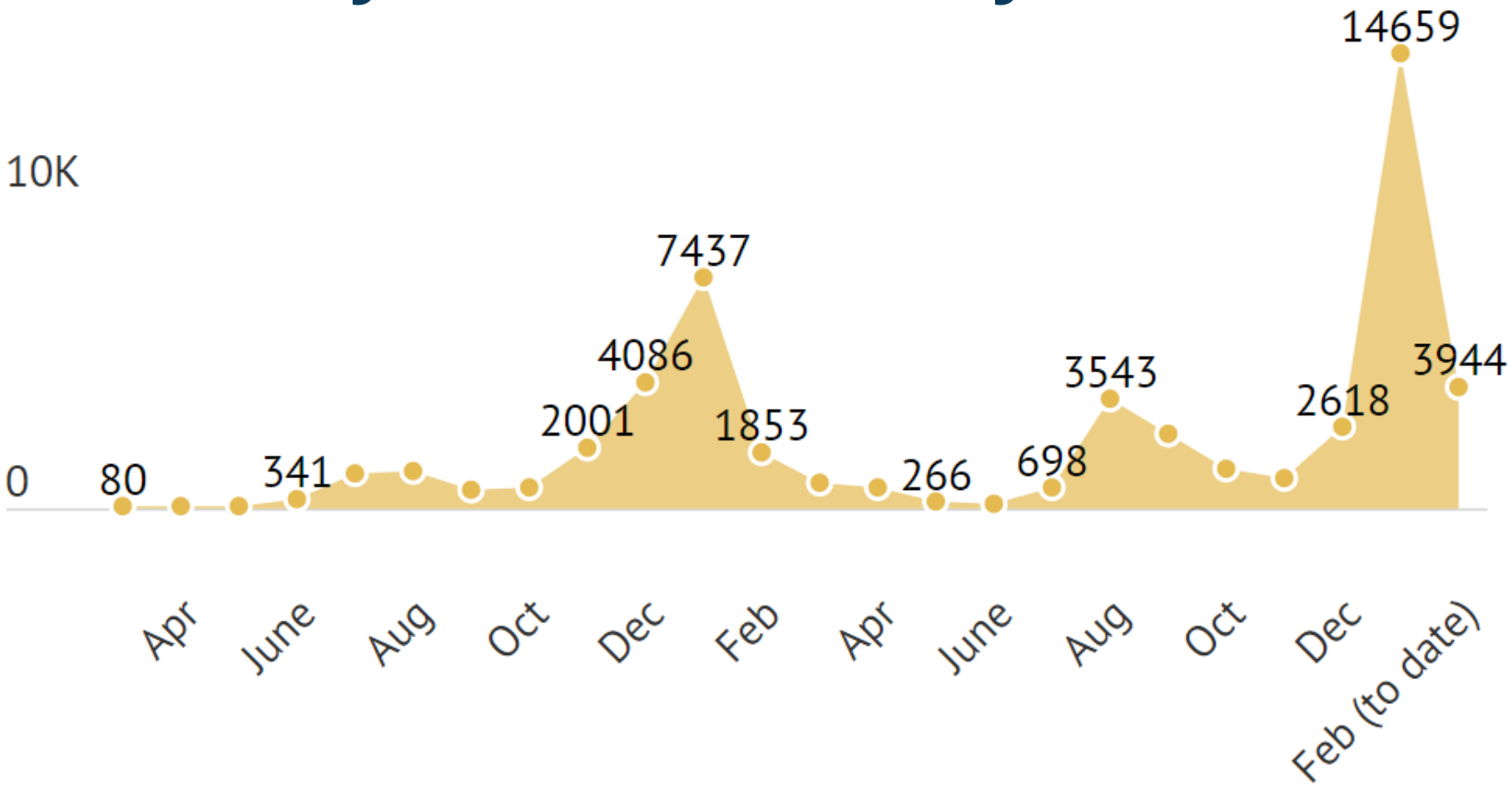
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Status in SLO County

Total cases	**51,680**
Active cases	1,177
14 day daily case avg	119
Hospitalizations	**24**
ICU	4
General	20
Deaths	**432**
Pending	19

Data - County of San Luis Obispo, CDC COVID Data Tracker 2.18.22

SLO County COVID-19 Cases by Month



Data - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov) 2.18.22

COVID-19 Cases by Age, 14 day average

Last 14 Days By Age Group (by Test Collection Date)			
Age Group	Confirmed Cases	Percentage of Cases	Percentage of Population
0-11	192	12%	11%
12-17	118	8%	7%
18-22	179	10%	11%
23-29	168	10%	8%
30-39	282	16%	11%
40-49	246	14%	10%
50-64	298	18%	18%
65-74	107	6%	14%
75-84	46	2%	8%
85+	24	2%	3%
Total Cases	1660	—	—

Age groups disproportionately represented in cases

Data - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov) 2.18.22

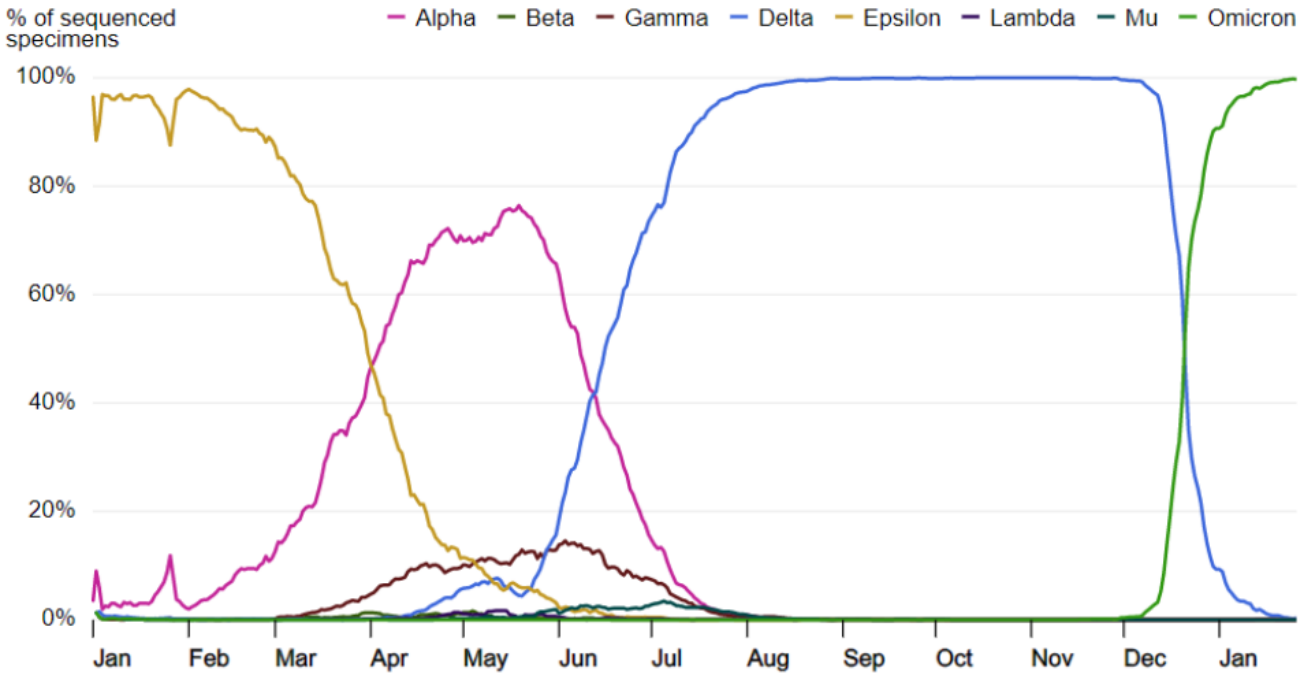
SLO County Outbreak Data

	1/24/22	2/18/22
Congregate Settings:	**59**	**22**
K-12 Schools:	**52**	**47**
Preschool/Child Care:	**34**	**27**

Data from 2.18.22

Omicron, SLO County

- 100% of local specimens sequenced are Omicron
- All specimens sequenced in our lab are Omicron BA1



Governor Newsom's SMARTER Plan

S **Shots-** Vaccines are the most powerful weapon against hospitalization and serious illness.

M **Masks-** Properly worn masks with good filtration help slow the spread of COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses.

A **Awareness-** We will continue to stay aware of how COVID-19 is spreading, evolving variants, communicate clearly how people should protect themselves, and coordinate our state and local government response.

R **Readiness-** COVID-19 isn't going away and we need to be ready with the tools, resources and supplies we will need to quickly respond and keep public health and the health care system well prepared.

T **Testing-** Getting the right type of tests - PCR or antigen - to where they are needed most. Testing will help California minimize the spread of COVID-19.

E **Education-** California will continue to work to keep schools open and children safely in classrooms for in-person instruction.

R **Rx-** Evolving and improving treatments will become increasingly available and critical as a tool to save lives.

smarterplan.pdf (ca.gov) 2.17.22

Mask Mandate

- Indoor Mask Order Lifted Feb. 16
  - Exceptions:
    - Healthcare facilities
    - K-12 schools
    - High-risk settings (child care, homeless shelters, emergency shelters, corrections, long-term care facilities, and public transit)

- CDPH: “Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.”

Guidance for face coverings (ca.gov) 2.17.22

Testing

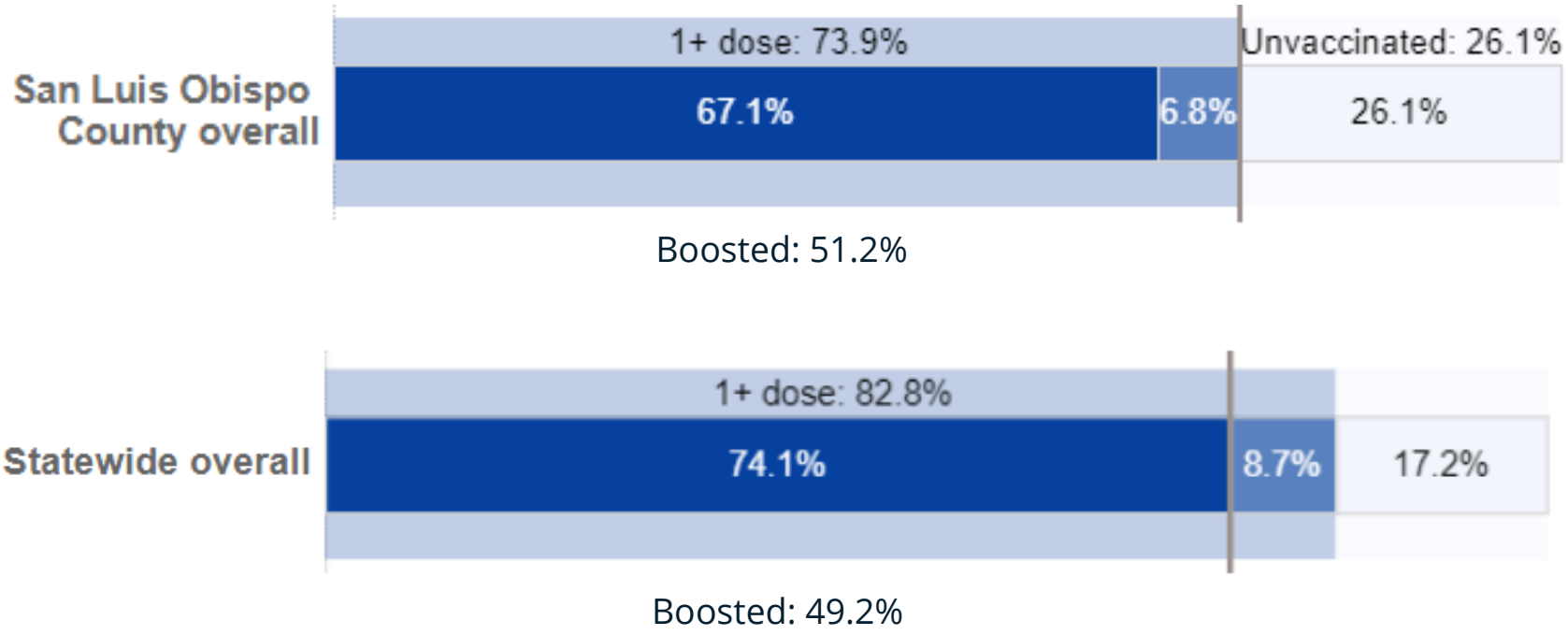
- 1.67 day average turnaround time (PCR)
  - 17% test positivity (down from a high of 35% in January 2022)
  - Morro Bay testing site to close end of March

- At-home rapid test kits distribution for vulnerable areas
    - SLO Food Bank - San Simeon, Shandon and senior meal deliveries
    - Promotoras – San Miguel, Paso Robles, Oceano
    - Homeless Serving Organizations and Shelters
    - Child Care providers
    - Behavioral health clients

- COVIDtests.gov – Four free tests shipped to each home

- Insurance reimbursement for over-the-counter tests purchased.

SLO County Vaccination Rates



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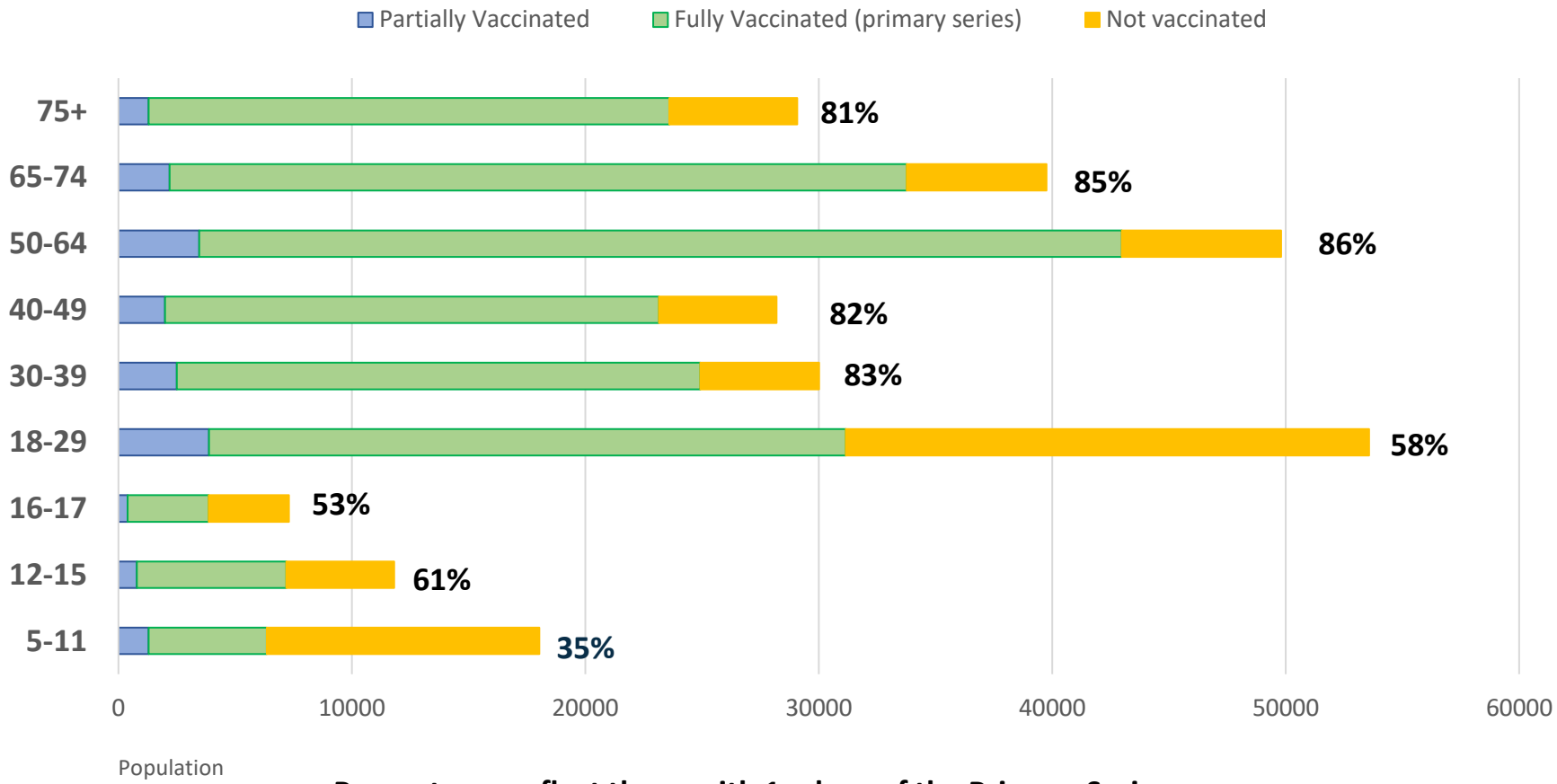
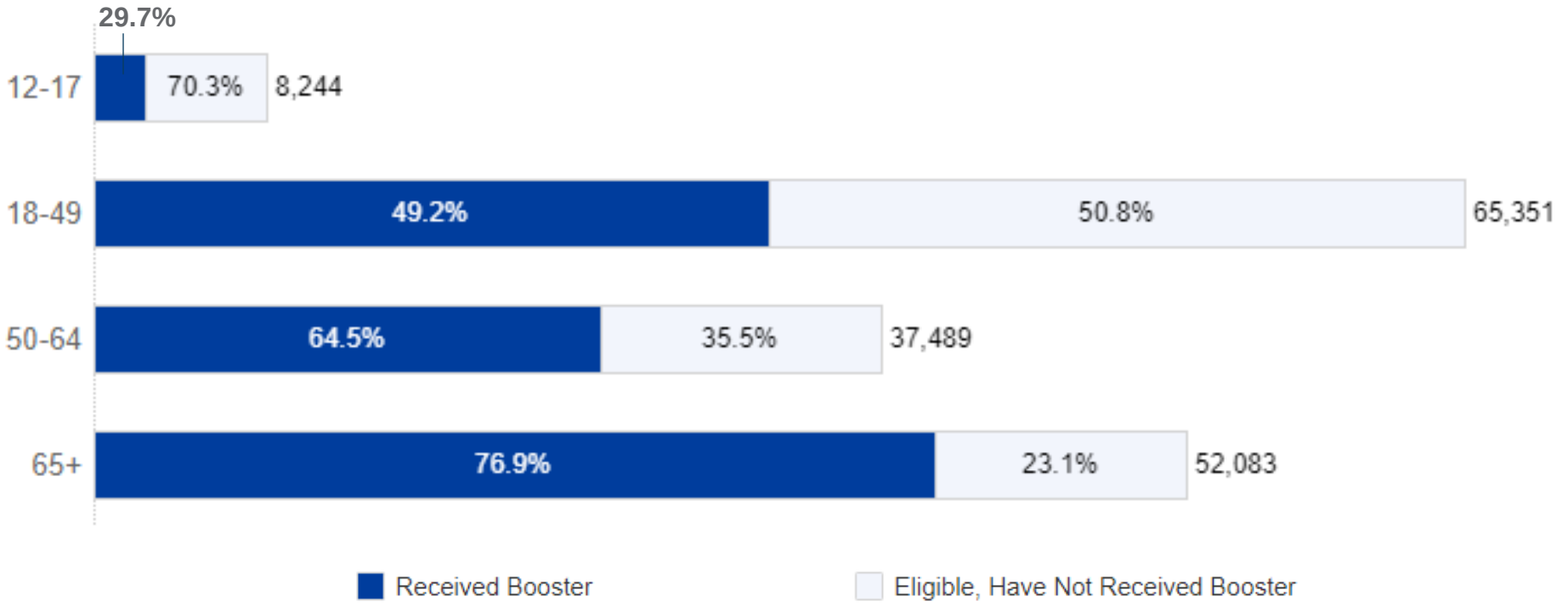
SLO County Vaccination Rate by Age (Primary Series)



Percentages reflect those with 1+ dose of the Primary Series

DoF Pop Estimates (2021) and Snowflake LHJ Data 2.18.22

Boosters/Additional Doses by Age



COVID-19 Vaccine Progress Dashboard | Tableau Public (2/16/22)

SLO County Vaccination by City

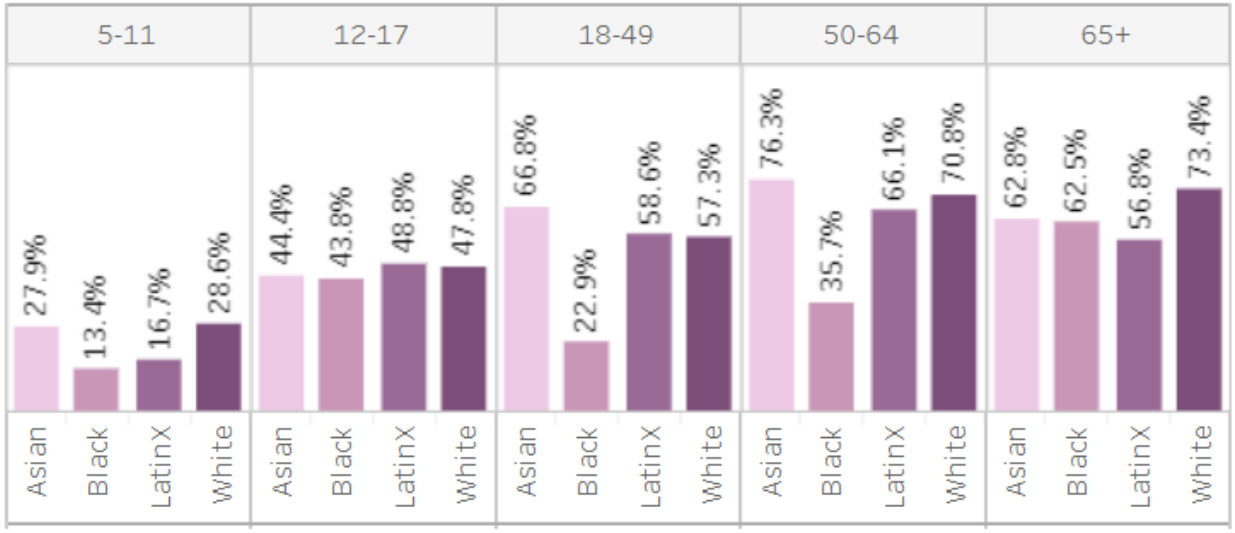
City	% Population Fully Vaxxed 2.8.22	% Increase of Fully Vaxxed from 6.8.21	% Boosted (of those Fully Vaxxed)
Creston	56%	16%	49%
Santa Margarita	58%	15%	52%
Atascadero	59%	15%	54%
San Miguel	56%	20%	38%
Shandon	56%	25%	34%
Paso Robles	61%	18%	49%
Oceano	63%	19%	47%
Grover Beach	63%	17%	52%
San Simeon	65%	21%	35%
Los Osos	67%	14%	63%
Arroyo Grande	67%	15%	59%
Templeton	68%	17%	54%
Cayucos	70%	12%	64%
Pismo Beach	70%	12%	64%
Nipomo	70%	18%	53%
Morro Bay	72%	14%	61%
Cambria	77%	11%	62%
SLO (93401)	80%	16%	61%
Prioritized areas for mobile clinics and outreach/canvassing			

CHHS Open Data - COVID-19 Vaccine Progress 2.8.22

* Avila & SLO (93405) not included due to data errors

Fully vaccinated by Race/Ethnicity & Age

	5-11	12-17	18-49	50-64	65+	Grand Total
Asian	27.9%	44.4%	66.8%	76.3%	62.8%	64.1%
Black	13.4%	43.8%	22.9%	35.7%	62.5%	29.5%
LatinX	16.7%	48.8%	58.6%	66.1%	56.8%	54.1%
White	28.6%	47.8%	57.3%	70.8%	73.4%	62.8%
Grand Total	27.8%	51.0%	63.5%	76.9%	81.1%	67.1%



Goal: >70% Fully vaxxed for all groups

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CenCal Members with 1+ Dose by City

City	% Members with 1+ Dose
Pismo Beach	39%
Templeton	42%
Shell Beach	42%
Creston	42%
San Miguel	46%
Paso Robles	46%
Santa Margarita	47%
Atascadero	47%
California Valley	49%
Grover Beach	50%
Nipomo	51%

City	% Members with 1+ Dose
Cayucos	54%
Oceano	54%
Avila Beach	54%
Arroyo Grande	54%
Cambria	56%
Shandon	57%
Morro Bay	58%
Los Osos	61%
San Simeon	63%
San Luis Obispo	68%
CenCal Average	**53%**

SLO County: 73.9%

CenCal , 2.2.22

Mobile Vaccine Clinics, Age 5+

Open to the public

No appointment necessary

2/24 **San Miguel,** Lillian Larsen Elementary*
Thursday, 3 – 6:30pm

3/1 **SLO, SLO Noor Clinic***
Tuesday, 3 – 6:30pm

3/2 **Grover Beach**, Grover Beach Elementary*
Wednesday, 3 - 7pm

3/3 **Paso Robles,** Flamson Boys & Girls Club
Thursday, 5 – 7pm

3/4 **Nipomo**, Nipomo Elementary*
Friday, 3:30 – 7:00pm

3/8 **Templeton**, Templeton High School*
Tuesday, 3:15 – 6:30pm

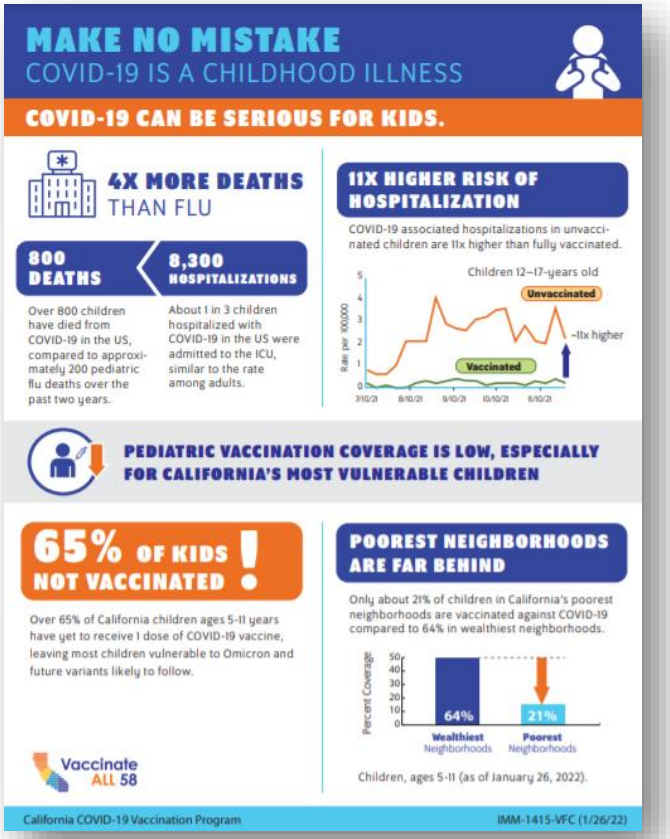
3/10 **Paso Robles,** Flamson Boys & Girls Club
Thursday, 5 – 7pm

* Flu vaccines available

Details: SLOPublicHealth.org/COVID19/Vaccines

COVID-19 is a Childhood Illness

- 4x more deaths than flu
- 11x higher risk of hospitalization for unvaccinated children
- Poorest neighborhoods are far behind
- 65% of kids not vaccinated



Infographic: COVID-19 is a Childhood Illness

Top 5 Reasons to Vaccinate Kids

Unvaccinated children are at risk of getting COVID-19, + potential serious complications, and/or long-term impacts.

The vaccine is safe and effective, and no long-term problems have been seen for any vaccine.

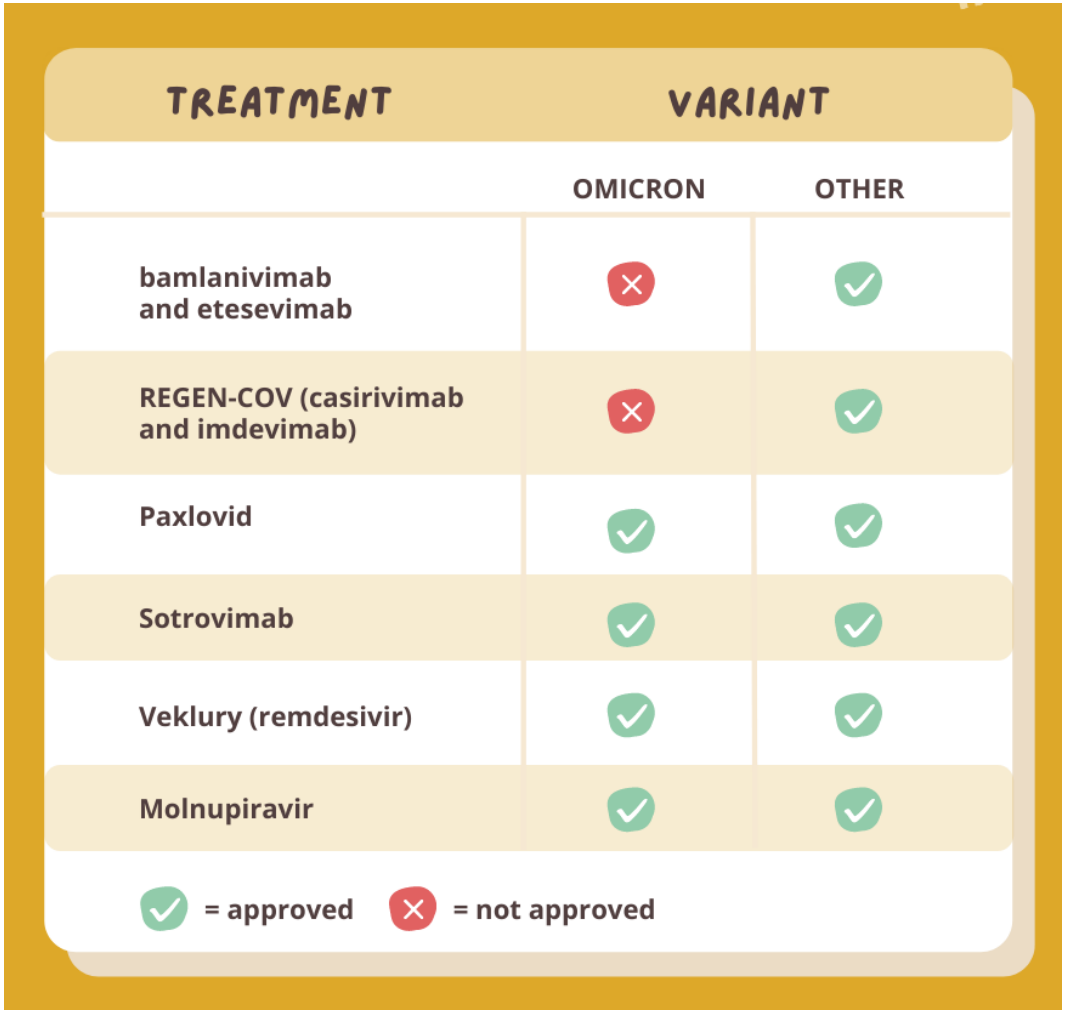
Getting those who are eligible vaccinated can help keep schools & communities safe.

Getting them safely back to the classroom and their favorite afterschool activities supports mental health & wellness.

Vaccines are safe, effective, and free

Infographic 8x11Poster

Therapeutics

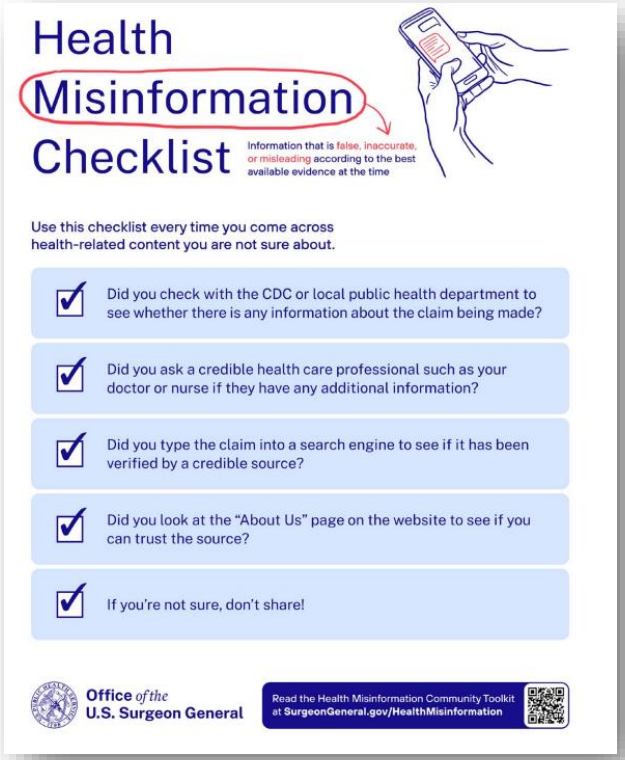


COVID-19 Treatments - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov)

Communications Update

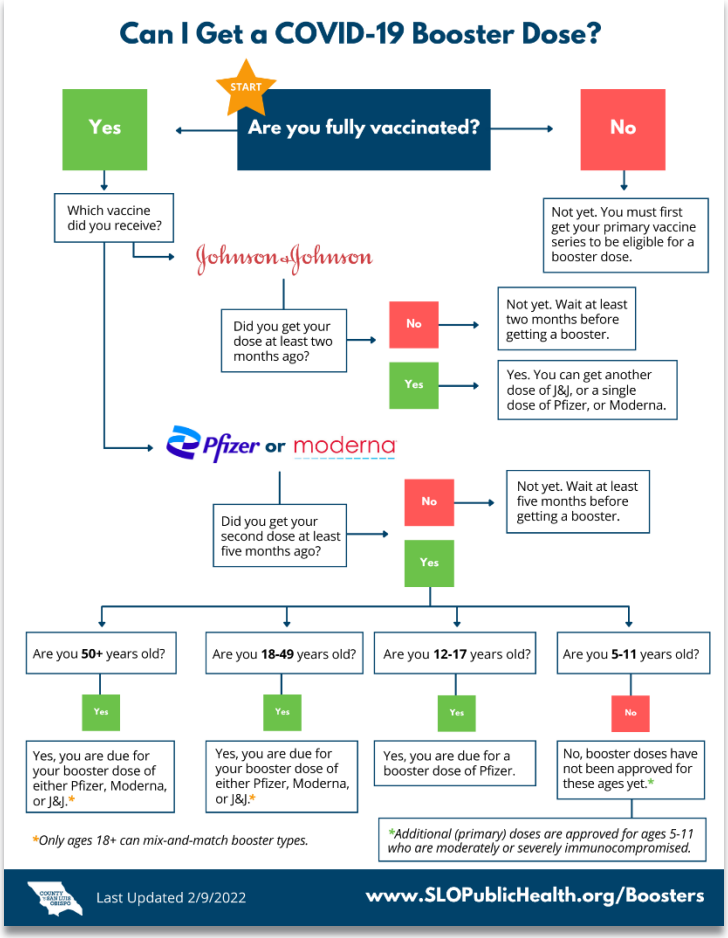
- Adjusting pace to generally weekly updates (data, digest)
- Mass comms: returning to pre-surge framing of vaccine as routine healthy choice
- Focused campaigns for key audiences
- Integration with range of public health messages and messengers
- Continuing to engage community health care providers as key messengers

Responding to Misinformation



COVID-19 Informational Materials Available

- FREE COVID-19 buttons, educational brochures, and posters are available in English and Spanish.
- Order here: https://forms.office.com/g/j25mG2QNNY
- Resources for Partners



Virtual Town Hall