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COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations and ICU Admissions Remain High
Masking, vaccination and common-sense precautions can help stop the surge

San Luis Obispo, CA —COVID-19 hospitalizations in San Luis Obispo County remain near their all-time high with 59 residents receiving care in the hospital due to COVID-19, including 17 in the ICU. SLO County saw its highest-ever number of COVID-19 patients in the ICU earlier this week, with 20 residents receiving intensive care.

“These numbers only tell part of the story in that they do not speak to how miserable this disease is, especially for those who are severely ill and need to be hospitalized,” said Dr. Penny Borenstein, County Health Officer. “None of us want our family, friends or neighbors to experience that, which is why we must all do our part to slow the spread: get vaccinated, wear a mask indoors, avoid crowded places, wash your hands, don’t go out if you aren’t feeling well, and get tested if you experience symptoms.”

SLO County has added 414 cases of COVID-19 since Tuesday, which brings the week’s cases to 1,006 and 14-day average to 142. This 14-day average is similar to the average SLO County experienced in early February 2021.

“As our active cases rise, especially with a virus much more contagious than the original strain, we need to be more diligent than ever, especially as we go into a holiday weekend,” said Dr. Borenstein. “Protect yourself and your loved ones this weekend, so we don’t see cases and hospitalizations rise even further in the coming weeks.”

Masking is now [required in indoor public places](#) in SLO County, including business places.

Vaccines are widely available at no cost at pharmacies, doctors’ offices, Public Health Department clinics, and mobile clinics countywide. Vaccines continue to be effective against severe impacts of COVID-19, including known variants. More than 68% of eligible SLO County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 60% are fully vaccinated.

To get your COVID-19 vaccine at a Public Health clinic in Paso Robles, Grover Beach, or San Luis Obispo, visit myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255 to choose your location, time, and vaccine type, or walk in during open vaccine hours. See hours and pop-up clinics at www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine. To find other vaccine providers, visit myturn.ca.gov or VaccineFinder.org.

For updates on COVID-19 in SLO County, visit ReadySLO.org or call the recorded Public Health Information Line at (805) 788-2903. Phone assistance is available at (805) 781-5500 Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine.

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