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Alameda County Child Care Check-In

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August 5th, 2021

Alameda County Emergency Child Care Response Team
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Tonight’s Featured Discussion

- Public Health - COVID-19 & CC Guidance
- CA Enacted ECE Budget - Summary
- Provider Resources
  - Health Heroes
  - Supports
  - AC Boost
- A word from our R&Rs
- Q&A
Welcome

Tonight’s Guest Presenters

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First 5

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Samuel Merritt

Renee Herzfeld
4Cs

Kym Johnson
BANANAS

Kelly O’Lague
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Pandemic Data Key Points as of 8/3

• Daily case rate is 17 per 100,000 and rising
  • Up to 500 reported cases per day
• Test positivity is 5.4%
  • HPI first quartile: 8.2%
• Hospitalized COVID cases 179; ICU 47
• Testing increasing to ~7,500 per day
  • Demand has increased 3-5x at some sites
  • Positivity rates from 7% to 18% have been reported at some sites
• Most of CA, much of USA with substantial or high community transmission
Transmission thresholds are adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention weekly thresholds, available at: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view
CDC Report on Delta

- Delta is more transmissible than earlier common variants
- More virus in airway with Delta infection, even in vaccinated
- Vaccinated people are contributing to spread of Delta (though to a much lesser degree than the unvaccinated)
  - Risk of infection is still lower in vaccinated people
- Delta may cause more severe disease in infected people
- Vaccines strongly protect against severe disease, even with Delta
- Case numbers in 0 to 17-year-olds are rising nationally and in Alameda County
- Very few hospitalizations and no deaths; severe disease is uncommon in kids
- Kids are more likely to get COVID-19 from someone in their household than in the community; parent/caretaker vaccination is a key tool to keep kids safe
Key Tools to Keep us Safe

- Full Vaccination
- Keep wearing those masks!
- Testing
  - Fully Vaccinated People
  - Non-vaccinated People

THE DELTA VARIANT IS STRONG.
ALAMEDA COUNTY IS STRONGER.

GET VACCINATED

ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
510.268.2101

ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY
@Dare2Well
Face coverings required again for vaccinated persons

- Alameda County, City of Berkeley and 7 other Bay Area counties requiring face coverings in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status
  - Examples: offices, stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, conference centers
  - Masks may be removed for eating and drinking
  - Other exemptions apply
- Also recommended
  - Businesses should make face coverings available to customers
  - Wear masks in private indoor gatherings if different households are mixing
- CDC, CDPH now recommend masks for vaccinated in indoor public settings
Alameda County COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard

% >= 12 Years with at Least One Dose: 84.1%
% >= 12 Years Fully Vaccinated: 71.3%

Alameda County Cumulative Percentage of Vaccine Doses

Place: At Least One Dose | Fully Vaccinated
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Piedmont: 99.2% | 85.8%
Albany: 97.4% | 81.8%
Fremont: 91.3% | 77.6%
Alameda: 89.5% | 77.0%
Pleasanton: 88.2% | 75.6%
Castro Valley: 88.0% | 73.7%
Dublin: 85.7% | 72.5%
Union City: 85.0% | 72.7%
Emeryville: 84.6% | 70.6%
Sunol: 83.7% | 72.3%
San Leandro: 83.3% | 71.0%
Newark: 82.9% | 72.3%
Hayward: 82.1% | 69.6%
Oakland: 81.2% | 68.0%
Berkeley: 81.1% | 69.2%
Fairview: 80.2% | 68.8%
San Lorenzo: 79.7% | 69.3%
Livermore: 76.0% | 65.0%
Cherryland: 75.3% | 61.9%
Ashland: 72.4% | 59.2%
Remainder of County: 65.7% | 56.4%
Hayward Acres: 64.7% | 56.9%

Doses by Race/Ethnicity (% of population >= 12 Years)

Source: County Vaccination dashboard, 7.29.21
Every child care facility is expected to continue minimizing the spread of COVID-19 guidance and requirements to ensure the safety of children, providers, and families.

California and Alameda County COVID-19 Child Care Guidance: Face Coverings

- Child care providers **must** ensure compliance with the current CDPH Guidance for the Use of Masks.

- Child care providers **must** also follow the Alameda County mandate, requiring face coverings in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status.

- Children aged 2 and older should be taught and reminded to wear face coverings.
Guidance for face coverings (ca.gov)

- Children and staff do not need to wear a mask outdoors, even if they cannot maintain physical distancing (regardless of vaccination status).

- However, per CDC recommendations, in areas of substantial to high transmission, people who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.
• Physical distancing is an infection control best practice that may be implemented.

• Child care settings typically have a stable group model with the same groups of staff and children each day. Stable groups are also an infection control best practice.
If a licensee or provider requests confirmation that a staff or child has received the COVID-19 vaccine, it is recommended the confirmation should be documented in the same way immunizations are documented and maintained in the facility file.

Those confirming may review and accept a hard copy or digital record of vaccine receipt.
All businesses permitted to operate indoors should follow the recommended CDPH interim guidance for ventilation, filtration, and air quality.

See for example, ventilation Title 22 requirements, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 101216(e)(2), 101223(a)(2), 101238(a), 102416(c), 102417(b), and 102423.
California COVID-19 Child Care Guidance

No additional CDPH requirements for the health and safety measures below. Continue to follow Title 22 Community Care Licensing regulations:

- Isolation for Illness [CCR sections 101216(h), 101226.1(a)(1) and 102417(e)].
- Cleaning and Disinfection [CCR sections 101216(e)(2), 102416(c), 101238(a) and 102417(b)].
- Handwashing and Hygiene [CCR sections 101216(h), 101226.1(a)(1) and 102417(e)].
2. Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases
California COVID-19 Child Care Guidance: Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases

- Child Care facilities are required to report *outbreaks* (three or more cases) to the local health department and regional licensing office.

- Report any known case of COVID-19 among any child or employee to the Alameda County Public Health Department
Alameda County Public Health Department: Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases

- Notify ACPHD (by email or phone) Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00pm
  - COVIDOB@acgov.org or (510) 268-2101

- ACPHD will provide guidance & answer questions
Alameda County Public Health Department: How to Report Positive COVID-19 Cases

The new reporting form can be found on the Alameda County Public Health Department Website. [Schools | COVID-19]

### Reporting a single confirmed case

COVID Liaisons should email COVIDOB@acgov.org and/or call (510) 268-2101 if the district, school, child care program or extracurricular program has a single confirmed COVID-19 case and fill out the Schools Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) Intake Form.

Once you receive your login information, report the case in the SPOT system within 24 hours.

For more detailed instructions please follow this guidance.

For more information on how to use the Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) system please view the [SPOT User Guide](#), the [SPOT Frequently Asked Questions](#), and the [SPOT Intake Entry Form Fields](#).
Alameda County Public Health Department: How to Report Positive COVID-19 Cases

Three SPOT Reporting steps:

1. Complete the **SPOT Intake Form**. Do NOT include case or close contact identifying information in the Intake Form. The Intake Form starts the process.

2. When you receive an e-mail from SPOT, take **immediate** action to complete your registration to set up your account

3. Login to SPOT and provide information about the positive case and contacts in the SPOT portal
Before completing the INTAKE FORM, be sure you are prepared to report:

- Child care site contact information,
- Location information, and
- Date of exposure or the date the positive case was at the child care site while infectious
**Determine the Infectious Period**

Identify dates the positive case was at the facility while infectious

For Symptomatic Cases
- 2 days prior to symptom onset
- 10 days after symptom onset

For Asymptomatic Cases
- Same day they are tested
- 10 days after test date
SPOT Intake Entry Form: School Fields

Key Point of Contact for Location
Once approved by your local health department, this person will be granted access to SPOT to enter information about the exposure on behalf of the organization.

- First Name - Key *
- Last Name - Key *
- Email - Key *
- Phone - Key *
- Title / Role - Key

Additional Point of Contact for Location
If there is a person (different than above) who should be contacted about this exposure, enter their information here.

- First Name - Alternate
- Last Name - Alternate
- Email - Alternate
- Phone - Alternate
3. Alameda County Public Health Dept: Home Health Screening for Children
### Daily COVID-19 Health Screening

*To be asked daily for every child prior to in-person program participation.*

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>Within the past 10 days, has the child had close contact with anyone in the household who was diagnosed with COVID-19 or who had a test confirming they have the virus?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Does the child live in the same home with someone who has been in isolation or who had a positive test for COVID-19 within the past 14 days?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Within the last 14 days, has the child had close contact with someone outside the household who was diagnosed with COVID-19 or who had a test confirming they have the virus?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Check</td>
<td>In the past 10 days was the child diagnosed with or have a test confirming they have COVID-19?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Since the child was last at school (or in the last 10 days if the child has been out of school longer than 10 days), has the child had any of these symptoms, new or different from what they usually have, or not explained by another reason?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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Alameda County Public Health Department:
COVID-19 Home Health Screening (Optional)

Since the child was last at school (or in the last 10 days if the child has been out of school longer than 10 days), has the child had any of these symptoms, **new or different** from what they usually have, or not explained by another reason?

*If child has any of these listed symptoms or history of COVID-19 within the last 10 days, please send them home with requirements for returning to school.*

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<td>Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</td>
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<td>Fever or chills</td>
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<td>Nausea or vomiting</td>
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Alameda County Resources:

- Workplace: Recovery | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)
- School and Child Care: Schools | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)
- Vaccines: Vaccines Guidance & Resources | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)
- Isolation and Quarantine: Isolation & Quarantine | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)

Contact for questions about child care guidance: safelearning@acgov.org
Contact for questions about positive COVID-19 cases: COVIDOB@acgov.org
Q&A

COVID-19 & CC Guidance
CA Enacted Budget
FY21/22
Summary
Diana Garcia, Data & Policy Analyst
First 5 Alameda County
CA 2021-22 Budget Updates
Child Care highlights include:

- **Rate increase** effective January 1, 2022 for licensed child care providers reimbursed through voucher programs will be compensated at up to the 75th percentile of the 2018 regional market rates; license exempt at 70% of the RMR ceiling.

- 200,000 **new child care subsidy slots** by 2025-26; estimated 110,500 for 2021-22.

- **Family fees waived** through June 30, 2022 for programs administered by CDSS and CDE-CSPP.

- Continuation of **16 paid non-operational days** for providers accepting vouchers that close due to COVID-related reasons. Available through June 30, 2022.

- **Hold harmless** for all early care and learning programs based on enrollment instead of attendance through June 30, 2022.

- Funding to support **direct deposit** capabilities for child care contractors beginning January 2022.
CA 2021-22 Budget Updates
Child Care Highlights (cont.):

- **Child Care and Adult Care Food Program** - $15M to restore reimbursement match programs
- $25M for the expansion of the California Child Care Initiative Project to increase the number of licensed child care homes
- $250M to expand child care facilities
  - $150M for new construction
  - $100M for repairs and innovation
- $40M to help address workforce needs including education, training and professional development for family child care providers
- $10.6M in funding to expand California Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation to support the expertise, best practices and wellbeing of child care providers in order to promote the health, safety, and well-being of the children and families they serve
- Expansion of TK to serve all 4-year-olds starting in 2022-23 and reaching full implementation by the 2025-26 school year
- One-time Stipends for child care providers and centers
CA 2021-22 Budget Updates

One-time stipends:

- $600 per subsidized child stipend
- $3,500 stipend for licensed child care homes (late summer)
- Licensed child care centers will receive one-time tiered stipends based on license maximum capacity
  - $3,500 for centers up to 14 children
  - $4,000 for centers with 15-24 children
  - $5,000 for centers with 25-60 children
  - $6,500 for centers with 61+ children
- Incentive: $500 for newly licensed home providers that remain open after completing 12-months as a licensed family child care home
RMR ANALYSIS

Alternative Payment Vouchers- FCCs

**Family Child Care Rate Analysis**

- **Infant**
  - Market Rate: $19,350
  - Old RMR: $15,708
  - New RMR: $17,853

- **Preschool**
  - Market Rate: $18,060
  - Old RMR: $15,289
  - New RMR: $16,985

- **School Age**
  - Old RMR: $9,048
  - New RMR: $9,926

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Market Rate = Average cost of care from the October 2020 Child Care Provider Survey
Old RMR = 2020-21 Regional Market Rate Reimbursement Ceilings; state subsidized rate for alternative payment vouchers.
Full time rates except school age rate is full time for 3 months, part time for 3 months. Based on payments weekly.
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RMR ANALYSIS

Alternative Payment Vouchers- Centers

Center Rate Analysis

Market Rate = Average cost of care from the October 2020 Child Care Provider Survey
SRR Pilot = Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) for state contracted child care programs as of June 2021
Old RMR = 2020-21 Regional Market Rate Reimbursement Ceilings; state subsidized rate for alternative payment vouchers
New RMR = 2021-22 Regional Market Rate Reimbursement Ceilings; state subsidized rate for alternative payment vouchers

August 9th, 2021
Provider Resources

Summary
About

**Goal:** to provide health promotion education and support for child care providers and the children and families they serve

**The details**

- SMU matches dyads of student nurses with child care settings based on geography and language spoken; students work with providers to identify needs of the child care site.
- Student nurses spend 4-6 days over 5 weeks developing and implementing developmentally appropriate health teaching plans for children, providing support re: health screening, educating families as needed.
- Examples of projects:
  - Games, songs, interactive activities teaching about infection control, nutrition, wellness, safety, exercise.

**Impact:** > 200 sites; > 1500 children; ~750 student nurses.
## Where You Can Get Involved

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<td>Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council</td>
<td>Neva Bandlow <a href="mailto:nbandelow@acoe.org">nbandelow@acoe.org</a></td>
<td>Public Policy Committee 1st Wednesdays, 10-11:30a Monthly</td>
<td>National, state, and local child care policy and advocacy on behalf of the LPC.</td>
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<td>Valley Family Childcare Association (Tri-Valley)</td>
<td>Shruti Agarwal <a href="mailto:vfcca19@gmail.com">vfcca19@gmail.com</a> (925) 200-6199</td>
<td>2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 – 8:30p</td>
<td>Informational and educational opportunities, support, networking, and fellowship to help create and encourage the highest quality of childcare.</td>
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<td>Oakland FCC Policy Program (supported by Oakland Starting Smart and Strong, BANANAS, and First 5 AC)</td>
<td>Dr. Trisha Barua <a href="mailto:trisha@oaklandsmartandstrong.org">trisha@oaklandsmartandstrong.org</a> (630) 730-1351</td>
<td>2x Monthly Also includes bi-weekly planning and ad hoc community conversations</td>
<td>Family Child Care provider-centered advocacy for equitable systems change, resource allocation, and community building.</td>
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The Pre-Application period is now open for AC Boost, Alameda County's Down Payment Assistance Loan Program.

AC Boost offers shared appreciation loans of up to $210,000 for first-time homebuyers who live in, work in, or have been displaced from Alameda County.

**AC Boost also offers a limited preference for First Responders and Educators (including public school employees and childcare providers).** Income limits apply.

The Pre-Application deadline is August 30th. Learn more and apply now at www.ACBoost.org. Applying is fast, free and simple.
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Provider Resources
R&R Agencies

- **BANANAS**
  - Referral Phone Number: (510) 658-0381
  - bananasbunch.org
  - Cities Served: Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont

- **4Cs of Alameda County**
  - Referral Phone Number: (510) 244-0506
  - info@4c-alameda.org
  - Cities Served: Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City

- **Hively**
  - Referral Phone Number: (925) 417-8733
  - hello@behively.org behively.org
  - Cities Served: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol
Thank you

Next Check-In
Thursday, October 14th at 630p

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