

COVID UPDATES & VACCINATION FAQ'S

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California is currently experiencing the fastest increase in COVID-19 cases during the entire pandemic with 11.2 new cases per 100,000 people per day, with case rates increasing fivefold within two months. The Delta variant, which is very highly contagious and possibly more virulent, is currently the most common variant causing new infections in California. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus, which is transmitted through the air. In response, mandatory employee vaccinations have been announced by New York, State of California, City of Los Angeles and many others, with discussion about impacts to County employees underway.

Face coverings are now required in indoor settings for all people, vaccinated or not. Per California State Public Health, for the week of July 14-20, the average case rate among unvaccinated Californians was 20.7 per 100,000 per day and the average case rate among vaccinated Californians is significantly lower at 3.5 per 100,000 per day.

In Probation, we have had 45 new positive cases since July 1, 2021, with 10 of those cases reported for fully vaccinated persons. To compare the increase, from March 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021 Probation had 29 total cases reported.

The vast majority of new cases are among the unvaccinated with 600% higher case rates in California among the unvaccinated than for those who are vaccinated. Although there is an increase in breakthrough infections from the Delta variant for vaccinated persons, most current hospitalizations and deaths are among unvaccinated persons, and symptoms are typically greatly reduced in vaccinated people.

Please consider getting vaccinated today, if you have not yet done so. Free vaccinations are available through medical providers and on the state website. [CLICK HERE.](#)

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To continue to ensure staff safety and comply with health protocols when we work in partnership to respond to potential workplace COVID exposures, we also ask that you please provide a copy/photo of your fully completed proof of vaccination card to: Prob.COVIDreporting@probation.lacounty.gov
See an instructional video [HERE](#)

With the surge, we really need to continue to focus on vaccinations.
Here are some more links that may help:

[Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[Let's Get to Immunity Toolkit](#)

[Protect Yourself and Your Family from COVID-19 - California Department of Public Health](#)

[CDC - Workplace COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#)