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Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Counties continue to adjust COVID-19 policies based on the latest data and science. Most recently Secretary Ghaly announced the SMARTER Plan. The Plan is the framework to ensure we are prepared for future COVID-19 surges or variants while returning to a sense of normalcy. The entire plan can be read in full here www.covid19.ca.gov/smarter/

Changes to Masking

- Masks are no longer required but are now strongly recommended in most indoor settings. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx
- Masks will no longer be required in school and childcare settings or on school buses after March 11, 2022. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx

Contact Tracing and Case Investigation (CI/CT) Transitions

- Schools and childcare settings;
  - Emphasis on group contact tracing for students exposed to COVID-19. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Group-Tracing-Approach-to-Students-Exposed-to-COVID-19.aspx
- At risk populations and settings:
  - CI/CT and outbreak investigations for prioritized settings, populations, and situations- specifically those associated with higher risk for severe disease outcomes, and outbreaks that threaten critical workforce and healthcare systems.

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- General public:
  - Ensure our residents are empowered to keep themselves, their loved ones, and their communities safe via easy access to clear public health information, guidance, and resources:
    - What to do if you test positive
    - What to do if you are exposed
    - When to use home tests and how to interpret the results

Discrepancy Between CDPH and CDC Case Data

There is a significant difference in the case rates for Trinity County between the CDPH data and the CDC data tracker site, this is primarily a function of the timeline and how CDC sums the case rate over 7 days. In California we use a daily case rate that is averaged over 7 days with a 7 day lag to ensure the data set is more complete. The CDC takes 7 days and combines into a cumulative incidence over 7 days. So CDC case data timeline and the 7 day cumulative will always make it at least 7 times higher. Bottom line, the most realistic case rate for California that will drive our decisions will come from CDPH rather than CDC tracker.

Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) Covid-19 Information, Resources, and Data

Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) will continue to ensure transparency of COVID-19 case rate and vaccination data through our Dashboards www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19/Dashboards. TCPHB will continue to work with CDPH and other partners to ensure systems align and to respond to our resident's questions and concerns through a variety of avenues including our FAQ site www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions. TCPHB continues to provide data, information, and resources regarding vaccines, testing, reporting home tests and what to do when exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19 via our website at www.trinitycounty.org/

TCPHB continues to encourage:

- Get a COVID-19 booster if you are eligible.
- Get vaccinated if you haven't yet or as soon as you are eligible for vaccination.
- Test if you have any symptoms or if you are going to indoor gatherings, or mixing with people who are at higher risk for more severe disease and death.
- Follow masking guidance.