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### Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – The COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard is now live on the Trinity County COVID-19 Website at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19>.

The COVID-19 Case Dashboard will also continue to be updated.

As with the evolution of the COVID-19 Case Dashboard, we welcome feedback for our COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard from our residents and other partners to ensure we provide data that is clear and easily understood. Please submit questions and/or suggestions via the Frequently Asked Questions link <https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions> or the contact form at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/contact>. Our goal is to achieve a vaccination rate of 70% in every community in Trinity County.

#### **Delta Variant**

The Delta variant also known as B.1.617.2, can spread more easily. The strain has mutations on the spike protein that make it easier for it to infect human cells. That means people may be more contagious if they contract the virus and more easily spread it to others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html#Concern>

The highly contagious Delta variant has become the dominant strain and is responsible for the surge in cases across the U.S accounting for more than 51% of all cases. The number is likely higher as not all positive tests are subject to Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) to identify variants.

#### **Vaccination**

COVID-19 vaccines play a critical role in preventing deaths, hospitalization, and the sequelae



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associated with COVID-19 infection, including “long-COVID” (long term effects of the infection). Recent data indicate that vaccines are effective at preventing severe COVID-19 caused by the Delta variant that would require hospitalization. All three vaccines currently under the FDA EUA (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) demonstrate a strong neutralizing antibody titer against the Delta variant.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/covid-19-which-vaccines-are-effective-against-the-delta-variant>

On July 14, 2021 the Rural Association of Northern California Health Officers (RANCHO) released a Vaccine Statement to directly address myths around COVID-19 Vaccine:

Myth: “I had the virus, so I won’t get it again”

Reality: The COVID-19 vaccines result in high levels of protection, while immunity from past infection is unpredictable.

Myth: “Getting the vaccine is worse than getting COVID-19. Plus, I’m young and healthy.”

Reality: COVID-19 vaccination is much safer, effective and predictable than the infection, regardless of your age.

Myth: “The vaccine is experimental - it was rushed into use.”

Reality: The science used to create COVID-19 vaccines is decades old, is not experimental, and hundreds of millions of people who’ve received the vaccine are proof it is safe and effective.

Myth: “The vaccine will make me sterile.”

Reality: COVID-19 vaccines do not reduce fertility.

Myth: “The vaccine will mess around with my DNA. Somebody is trying to rewrite our genetic code.”

Reality: COVID-19 vaccines can’t change your DNA. Their only long-lasting effect is to protect you from COVID-19 infection in the future.

Myth: “We don’t know what the long-term consequences of these vaccines are.”

Reality: Long-term adverse effects of the vaccine are unlikely, but we are definitely seeing long-term effects from COVID-19 infection itself, even in those who had mild to no symptoms.

The full Rancho Vaccine Statement can be viewed at:

<https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID19-Vaccine>



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No more need to wait and see, “COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective, while the unvaccinated are highly vulnerable to the delta variant,” declare RANCHO health officials.

For locations and schedule of upcoming TCPHB sponsored vaccination sites visit:

<https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19-Testing-Calendar/month/2021-06>

Vaccination is also available through community clinics throughout Trinity County and various pharmacies including CVS.

