



# Sierra County Health and Human Services

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## Press Release: Delta Variant predominant COVID-19 viral strain in Sierra County

Cases of COVID-19 are rising in Sierra County, surrounding Counties, and the State of California once again. The increased reports are predominantly from the very infectious Delta Variant. Cases are expected to continue to surge until vaccination rates increase in Sierra County.

**The Sierra County Public Health Officer strongly recommends that everyone, regardless of vaccination status:**

- 1. Wear masks in indoor environments where vaccination status is not verified. Examples are places like public offices, grocery, retail stores, salons, and entertainment venues.**
- 2. Fully vaccinated persons are recommended to get tested after a known exposure even if asymptomatic.**
- 3. Businesses are urged to adopt universal masking requirements for people entering indoor areas of their businesses in order to provide better protection to their employees and customers. Properly wearing a mask is effective in protecting the spread of all COVID-19 strains.**

In just a matter of weeks, this resurgence has quadrupled the number of cases per day in many areas of Northern California, including Sierra County, and Washoe County, Nevada. These new urgent concerns are stemming from the aggressive Delta Variant and the number of people choosing not to get vaccinated. Hardest hit communities are those with lower vaccination rates. Data shows Eastern Sierra County is only 40% fully vaccinated.

- Delta Variant accounts for about 60-80% of the new cases in our area.
- This variant is much, much more contagious. It is especially hitting younger and older populations with stronger illness symptoms.
- Breakthrough cases of vaccinated people accounts for about 25% of the Delta Variant cases.

Sierra County has been on the leading edge throughout the course of this pandemic by taking control over the shared risks. Our best protection against COVID-19 continues to be the vaccine. Walk-in clinics are held on Thursday afternoons at the Health Department at 202 Front Street in Loyalton. We have Moderna and J & J available. Home bound individuals can call 993-6700 to make arrangements for a home vaccination appointment.

Visit <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/616/About-Vaccine-for-COVID-19> or visit [www.MyTurn.ca.gov](http://www.MyTurn.ca.gov) for local free vaccination resources. Visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/> or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for up to date COVID-19 information.