

**Important: California Department of Public Health recently experienced a statewide problem with technology and Public Health's recent data are still normalizing. Read our FAQs before proceeding.**

## FAQs of the Week

### **Have statewide data issues been resolved? Is the data on the daily dashboard more reliable now?**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) cleared the CalREDIE backlog and continued processing new records over the last several days. This covered roughly 300,000 backlogged records. However, additional cleanup is still ongoing at the state level, so Placer County has not removed the disclaimer from our daily dashboard. CDPH expects to confirm shortly that all issues have been fully resolved. Placer County Public Health has processed all the backlogged data that we have received thus far.

Cases, when processed, are attributed to the proper dates and not the delayed receipt dates.

Most indicators (e.g., case rate and positivity rate) are back within an expected range, but Public Health will wait to remove the disclaimer from the daily dashboard until the State has confirmed that all data has been processed and is accurate.

### **How did this impact case reporting?**

While CalREDIE was malfunctioning, Placer Public Health requested manual reporting from local health systems, so some cases were manually entered. Some manual entry is typical, but from July 25 to Aug. 11 (16 days) our team manually entered 212 cases compared to 76 in the 16 days prior to that.

When the electronic lab reporting side of CalREDIE was repaired, Public Health did see higher-than-usual daily net changes in cases reported. Again, those cases are assigned to proper dates when looking at key indicators such as case rate or positivity rate.

### **How has this issue affected the State's County Monitoring List?**

CDPH has indicated to the county that the County Monitoring List will be retroactively updated for each day that it has been 'frozen' once the backlogged data have been fully processed. CDPH will reach out to counties whose status on the County Monitoring List will be affected by the retroactively applied data.

Given that Placer County's 14-day case rate per 100,000 residents continues to exceed the State threshold, even after additional cases have been processed, Public Health does not anticipate the county's status will be impacted.

# PLACER COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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## Placer County COVID-19 cases at a glance

The first case of COVID-19, the viral infection caused by SARS-CoV-2, was identified in Placer County on March 1, 2020. Since then, cases have been reported throughout the county.

New cases are investigated as they are reported. Our team of case investigators strive to interview those who have tested positive and their close contacts as soon as possible. These teams provide guidance and offer support to those who need to isolate and quarantine to help keep their families and communities safe.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Location of Residence as of 8/13/20			
Data are still normalizing following statewide electronic reporting issues			
Location	Confirmed Cases	Likely Recovered	New Cases in Last 7 Days
Roseville	1024	826	212
Lincoln	436	385	48
Rocklin	433	361	72
Auburn	221	172	40
Granite Bay	82	65	23
Kings Beach	64	52	13
Loomis	58	36	16
Newcastle	29	25	*
Truckee	19	19	*
Meadow Vista	19	18	*
Tahoe City	15	13	*
Foresthill	12	10	*
Colfax	11	10	*
Sheridan	14	10	*
Elverta	8	6	*
Olympic Valley	7	7	*
Carnelian Bay	6	6	*
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>449</b>

\* The number of cases in locations with less than 6 cases is masked to protect patient privacy. As such, cases displayed will not add up to total.

Locations with less than 6 cases include: Alta, Applegate, Bowman, Carnelian Bay, Dutch Flat, Elverta, Penryn, Tahoe Vista, Weimar, Homeless, and Unknown.

### This week in COVID-19 (8/7 – 8/13):

Cases in congregate living settings continue:

- 7 skilled nursing facilities with 1-24 cases (staff or residents) each:
  - 15 new cases in SNFs this week
- 6 additional long-term care facilities with 1-11 cases each
  - 6 new cases in non-SNF LTCFs this week

When a case is identified in a vulnerable setting, public health recommends testing of all residents and staff.

Placer County residents hospitalized (8/13):

- 12 (1 in intensive care)

Estimated active cases, calculated as total cases minus deaths and likely recovered cases (see link in location table for definition): 366

Confirmed Cumulative Cases by Geographic Zone		
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	Total Cases	Last 7 days
South Placer	2088	382
Mid Placer	276	47
East Placer	116	19
Unknown/Homeless	6	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>449</b>

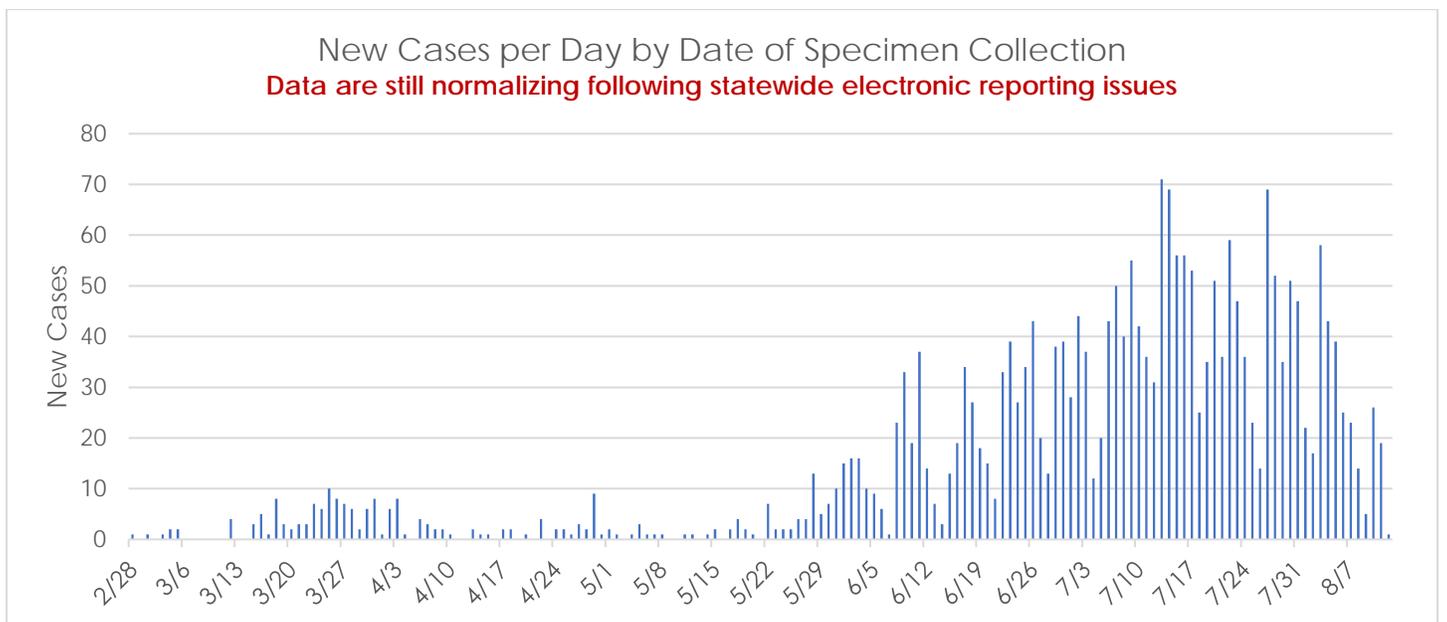
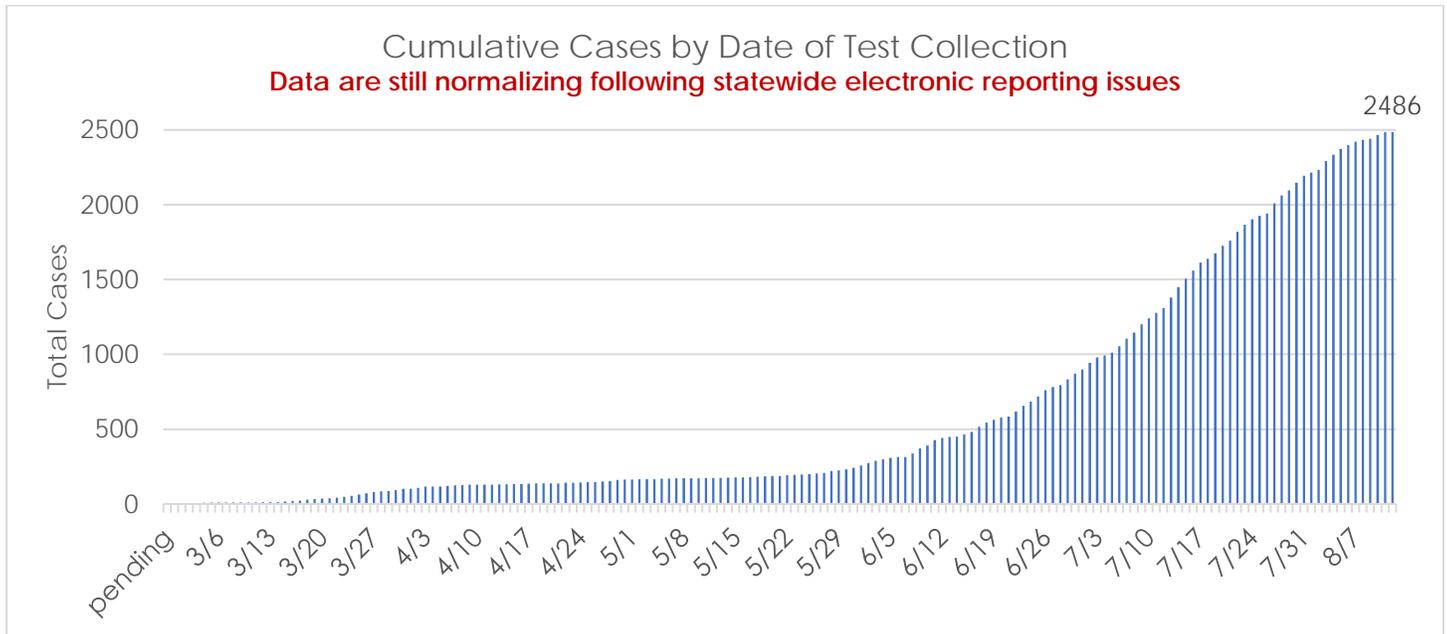
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## Epidemic Curves

There are now 2,486 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Placer County (data current to 8/13). Please note that data are still in the process of normalizing following statewide electronic reporting issues. As always, data will be updated as they are received.

Cases increased from 2,039 to 2,486 (+447) since last week's update, a rise of 22%.



As new results are received by Public Health, collection dates will be updated and the case counts for recent dates will rise, especially dates in the most recent 7 days. Fewer specimens are collected on the weekends because many testing sites are closed.

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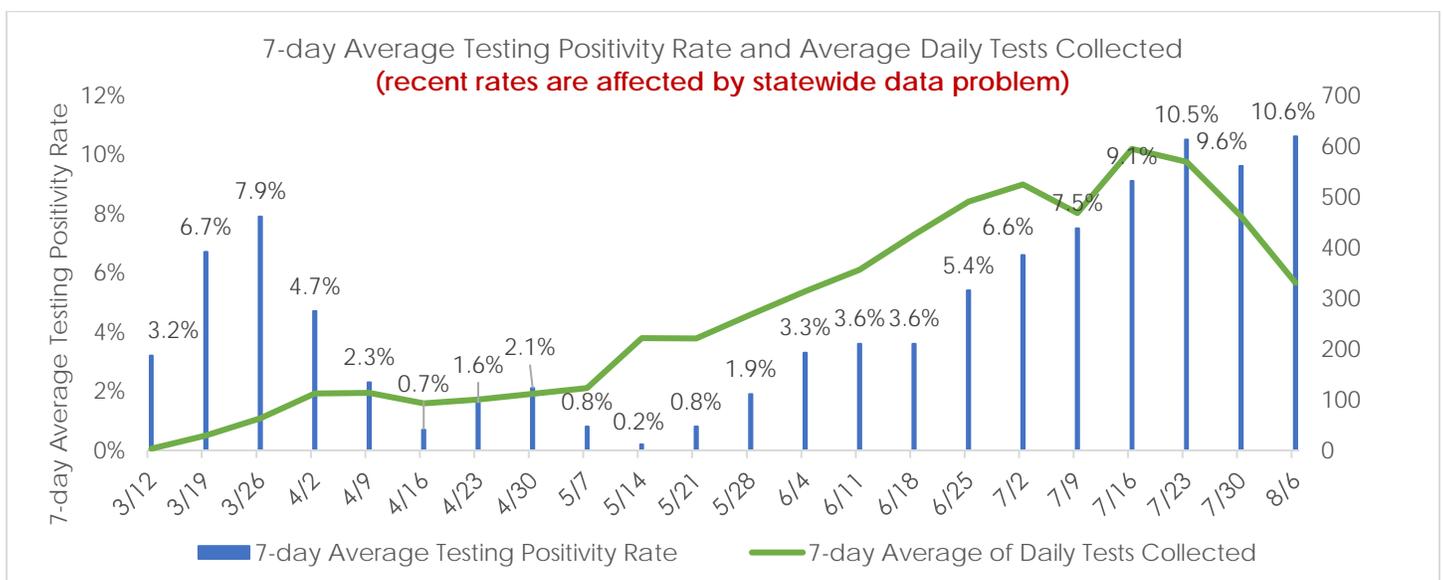
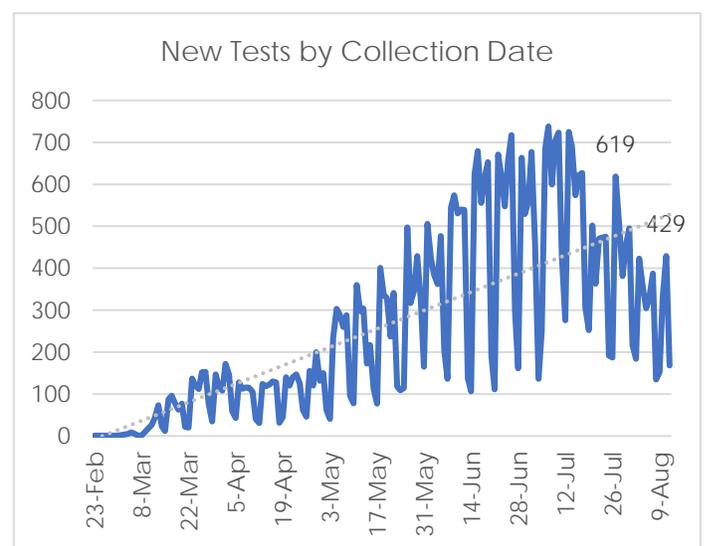
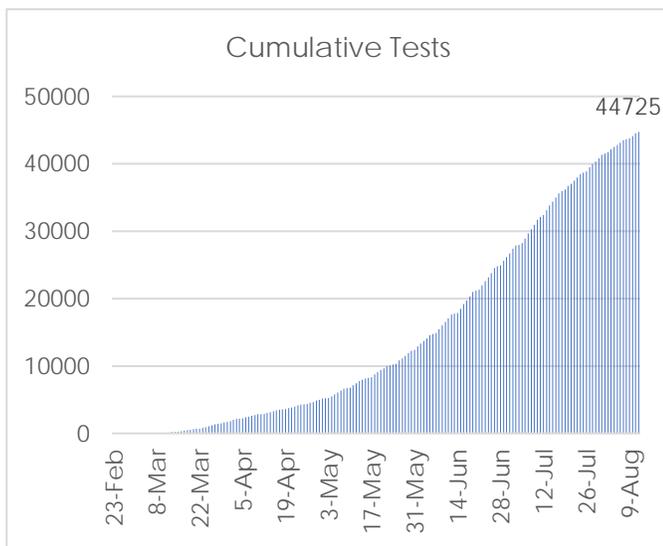
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## Testing

Receipt of test results from the state system has resumed and data is normalizing. Figures will correct as the technology issue with the State data system is completely resolved.

As of August 13, Placer County Public Health has received 44,725 initial test results to detect new COVID-19 infection, an increase of 13.4% from the week before. Last week, the increase was only 4.2% and in the 3 previous weeks, the average increase was 11% per week. The overall 7-day average testing positivity rate as of Aug. 6 was 10.6% as calculated the morning of Aug. 13 (per 7-day lag) and may still be affected by the statewide data transmission problem.

Testing positivity rate is the number of new positive tests collected in the last 7 days / total initial tests collected in the last 7 days. Public Health recently modified calculations to use collection date rather than result date to align with State reporting methods. The 7-day average testing positivity rate is variable for several days as new test results are reported. Public Health reports the rate for the 7-day period ending 7 days prior to the current day. The figures for daily newly reported tests will increase as new test results are received.



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## Descriptive Statistics

The tables below contain summary data for various Placer County COVID-19 case demographics. This data should be interpreted with caution. Data will be updated as new results are received.

A sizeable proportion of race and ethnicity data remains unknown, although systematic data collection has improved through the course of the pandemic. Placer County currently lacks race/ethnicity data for 30% of cases compared to 35% missing this data statewide. Race/ethnicity information is collected during the case interview, so data quality improves as closed cases are entered into the database. In addition, some cases decline to share this information.

Age Distribution and Hospitalization among Confirmed Cases					
	Total Cases	Age Distribution Total Cases	Cases Last 7 Days	Age Distribution Last 7 Days	Percent Ever Hospitalized
0-17 years	210	8%	48	11%	0%
18-49 years	1435	58%	219	49%	4%
50-64 years	523	21%	91	20%	9%
65+ years	275	11%	50	11%	23%
Unknown	43	2%	41	9%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7%</b>

Ethnicity and Race of Confirmed Cases		
	# Cases	% Cases
Latinx	508	20%
White	940	38%
Asian	108	4%
African American/Black	34	1%
Multi-Race	11	0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	6	0%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	6	0%
Other Race	121	5%
<b>Unknown*</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Systematic data collection has improved through the course of the pandemic but some demographic information is unknown. In addition, some cases decline to share this information. Therefore, data should be interpreted with caution. Data are subject to change as cases are transferred to other counties or new information is obtained

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## Deaths and Hospitalizations

As of August 13, Placer County has received reports of 27 COVID-related\* deaths.

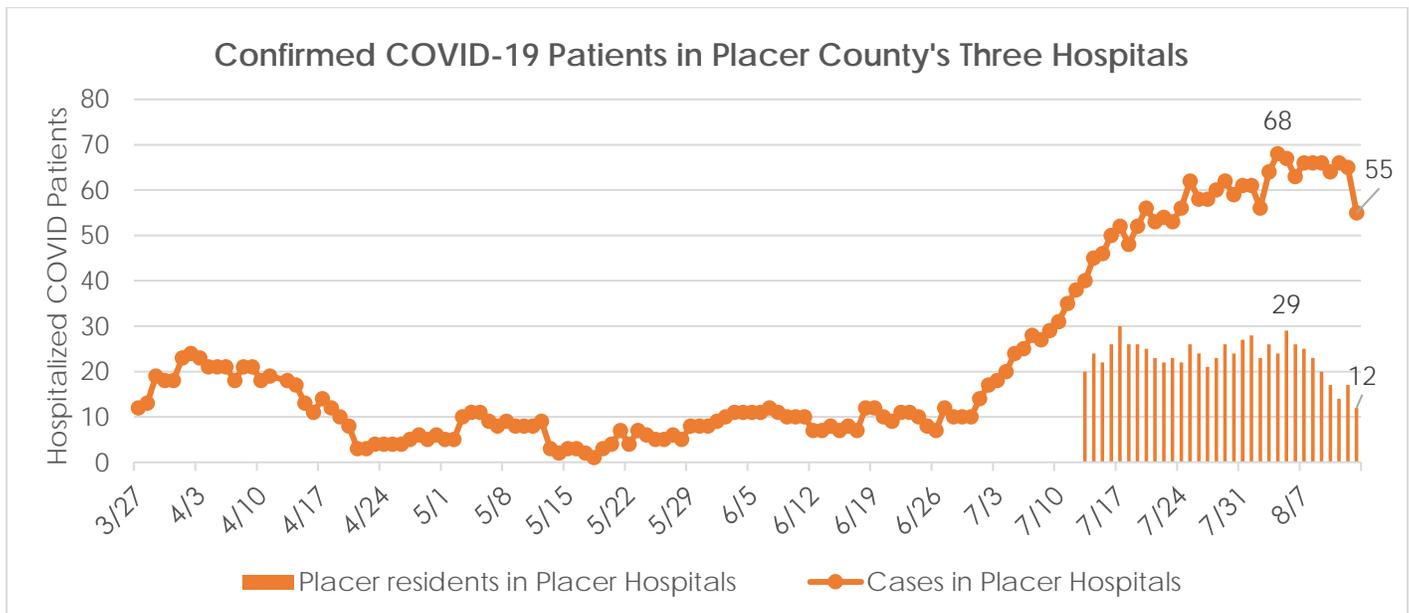
Of these:

- 12 (44%) were residents of long-term care facilities
- Regions:
  - 17 (63%) resided in South Placer/Valley region
  - 10 (37%) lived in Mid-Placer/Foothills region
- 37% of all reported deaths occurred August 1-13
- 52% of those who died were age 80 or above

COVID Deaths by Month	Number of Deaths
March	2
April	6
May	1
June	2
July	6
August	10
Total	27

Age Range	Deaths
50-54	1
55-59	1
60-64	2
65-69	2
70-74	3
75-79	4
80-84	4
85-89	5
90-94	4
95-99	1
100+	0
Total	27

\*COVID-related deaths have COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 listed as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death on the death certificate. This is consistent with the case definition set forth by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and adopted by CDPH.



## Monitoring/Thresholds

According to the State's [County Data Monitoring Table](#), which corresponds to the Monitoring List, "Data for case rate and testing positivity will not be displayed while the State is working to address the data lag issues recently identified. At this time, movement of counties on or off the list will be on hold until further notice."

Public Health will resume normal reporting of Placer attestation triggers and state monitoring indicators as soon as possible. Currently, some indicator data may still be affected by the reporting issue.

## Preventing Infection

Personal precautions go a long way to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Vulnerable (high risk) individuals are encouraged to stay at home. This includes those over age 65 or with serious medical conditions.
- Wear a face covering in public. [Read some Face Covering FAQs here.](#)
- When in public, maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).
- Maintain good hygiene practices by washing hands, using hand sanitizer, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid gathering with people you don't live with.
- Find [guidance for confirmed cases \(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#) and [guidance for contacts \(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#).