

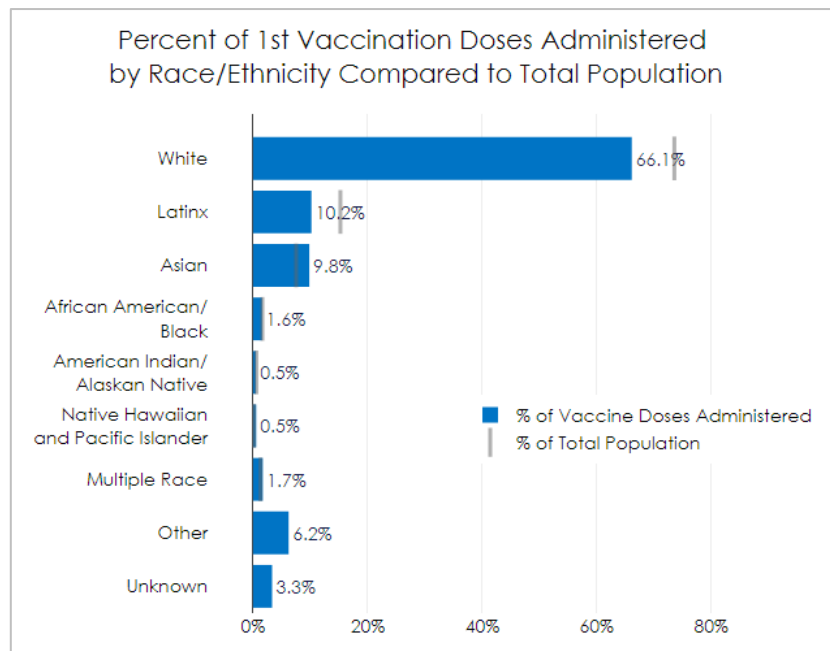
Placer County Vaccination Progress

Placer County received its first allocation of COVID-19 vaccine in Dec. 2020. As of June 30, 398,194 doses have been administered to Placer County residents, including 192,808 second or complete (i.e. single dose) doses (view [dashboard](#)). Public Health receives vaccine allocations on a weekly basis and uses some doses for its own operations while reallocating others to health care partners including hospitals, clinics and pharmacies.

The vaccine data presented here is dynamic and subject to change.

The graph on the right shows who the vaccines that have been administered so far were given to, while the table on the left estimates what proportion of each group has received at least 1 vaccine dose.

Total Vaccination Doses Administered and Percent of Population With At Least 1 Dose by Race/Ethnicity		
	Total Vaccine Doses Administered	% of Population with at Least One Dose
White	264504	48.3%
Latinx	40234	35.9%
Asian	39828	70.1%
African American/ Black	6263	52.3%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2022	47.3%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	2165	--*
Multiple Race	6919	69.8%
Other Race	23973	--
Unknown	12286	--
Total	398194	53.7%



*Due to likely data discrepancies between the vaccination counts and the population estimate for the NHOPI race category, a percentage is not displayed. Only the raw vaccination counts are displayed for this category. Population estimates are not available for Unknown and Other race categories. Administration data sourced from Snowflake/CAIR.

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.

Our team of case investigators strive to interview those who have tested positive and their close contacts as soon as reported, and prioritized based on level of community transmission. These teams provide guidance and offer support to those who need to isolate and quarantine to help keep their families and communities safe.

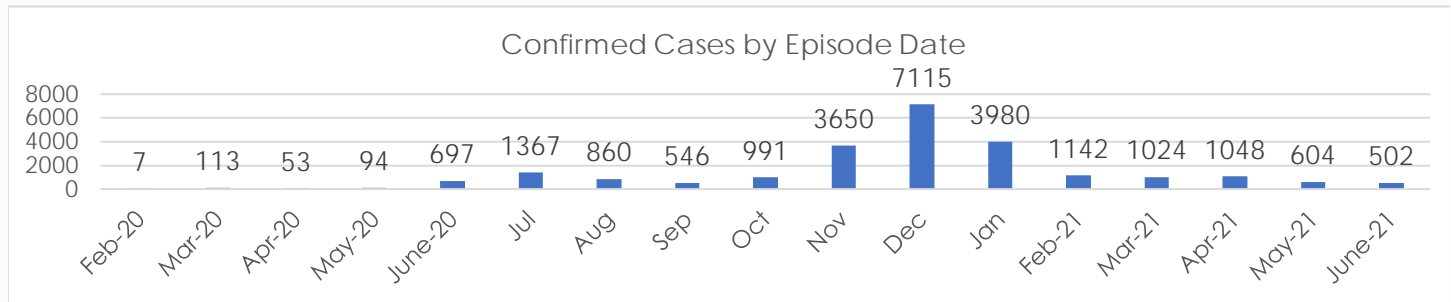
There were 23,793 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Placer County as of 6/30 (data pulled 7/1). Cases have continued to decrease in the last month. Data remain dynamic as cases are transferred to and from other jurisdictions based on residency and as cases previously reported in other counties are assigned to the original jurisdiction.

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What's happening now in Placer County?

Cases in Placer County have continued to decrease in June.



Placer County COVID-positive residents in local hospitals (on 6/30): 5 (1 in intensive care).

An individual who tests positive on multiple occasions is only counted as a single case. Public Health reports cases by episode date, which is the earliest of several dates (illness onset date, specimen collection date, date of death or date reported). As information is received by Public Health, episode dates will be updated and case counts will be adjusted to best approximate the date of illness onset. Data are dynamic and will change as cases are received, updated, and transferred.

[View cumulative and new cases by episode date.](#) California Department of Public Health (CDPH) monitors cases using a 7-day daily case rate, calculated as the average number of COVID-19 cases per day by episode date reported over a 7-day period, divided by the population of Placer County. This number is then multiplied by 100,000. The figure is lagged by 7 days to allow for receipt and transfer of additional results. [View a chart](#) of the 7-day average daily case rate.

Deaths

As of June 30, Placer County has received reports of 300 COVID-related* deaths.

- 158 (53%) were residents of long-term care facilities.
- 43% were under the age of 80; 12% were under the age of 65.
- At least 91% of those who died had at least one confirmed underlying health condition. (27 pending for this data).

*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. Public Health reporting is consistent with the case definition set forth by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and guidance issued by CDPH.

Age Range	Number of Deaths	Cumulative %	COVID Deaths by Month	Number of Deaths
18-44	2	1%	March 2020	2
45-49	4	2%	April 2020	6
50-54	5	4%	May 2020	1
55-59	12	8%	June 2020	2
60-64	14	12%	July	6
65-69	17	18%	August	17
70-74	34	29%	September	20
75-79	40	43%	October	7
80-84	55	61%	November	26
85-89	54	79%	December	93
90-94	37	91%	January	74
95+	26	100%	February	28
Total	300	--	March 2021	6
			April 2021	6
			May 2021	5
			June 2021	1
			Total	300

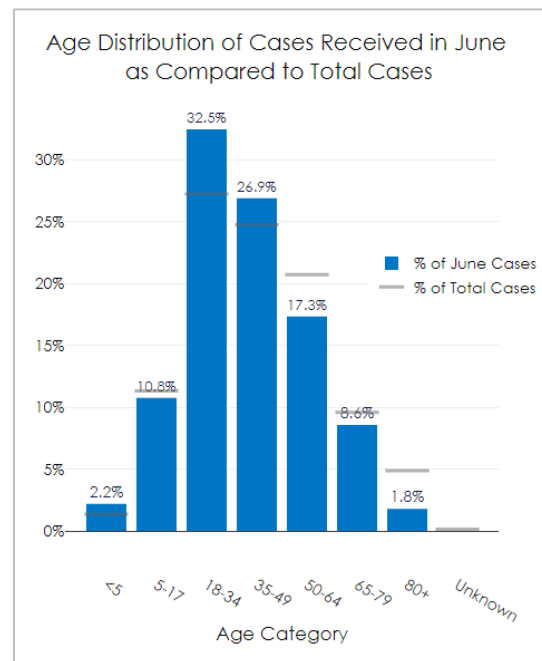
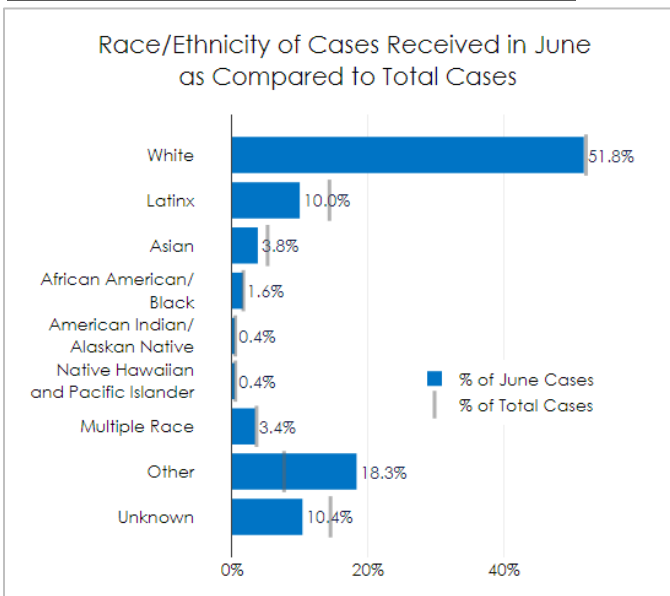
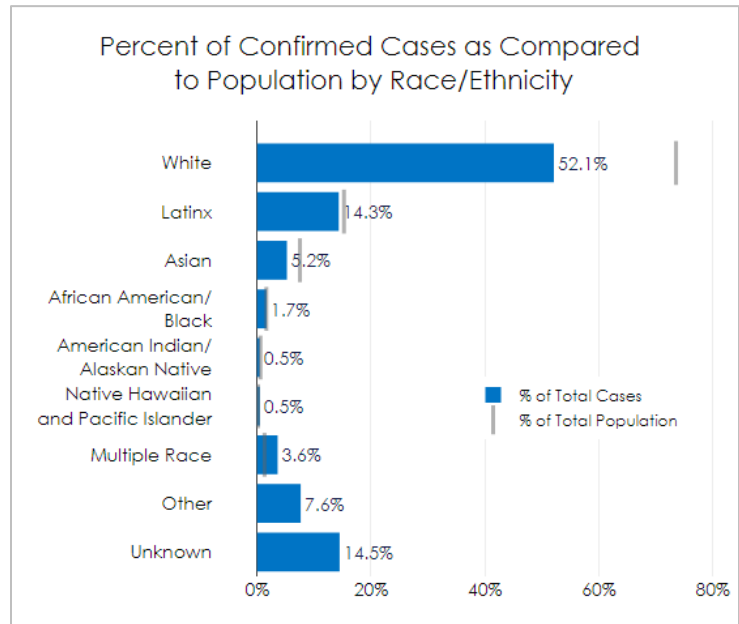
*Some deaths may not have yet been processed.

Descriptive Statistics

About one-sixth to one-seventh of race/ethnicity data remains unknown, although systematic data collection has improved. Placer County lacks race/ethnicity data for 14.5% of cases compared to 19% [statewide](#). Race/ethnicity data is sometimes provided by labs, but most often collected during the case interview. Some cases cannot be reached for interview and some decline to share this information.

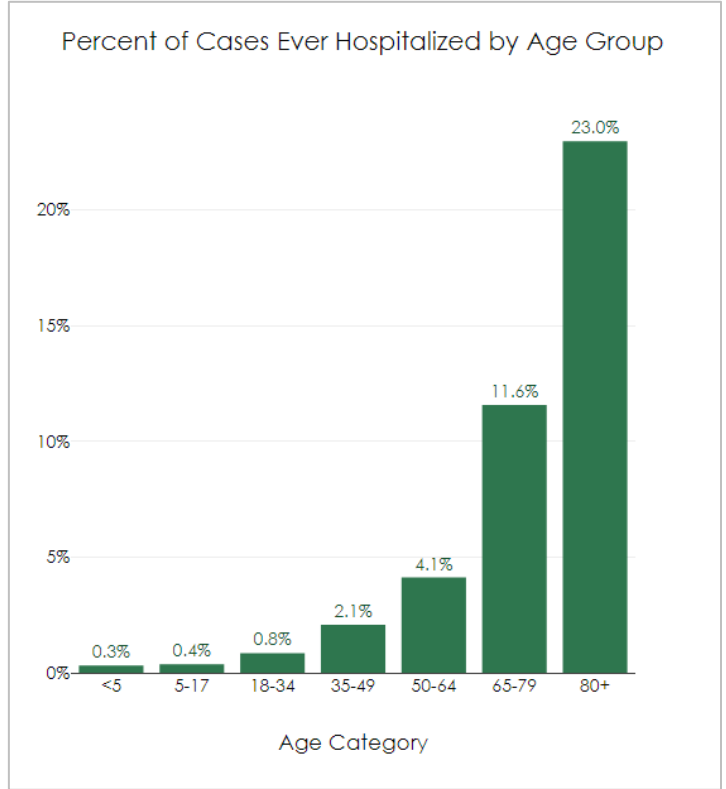
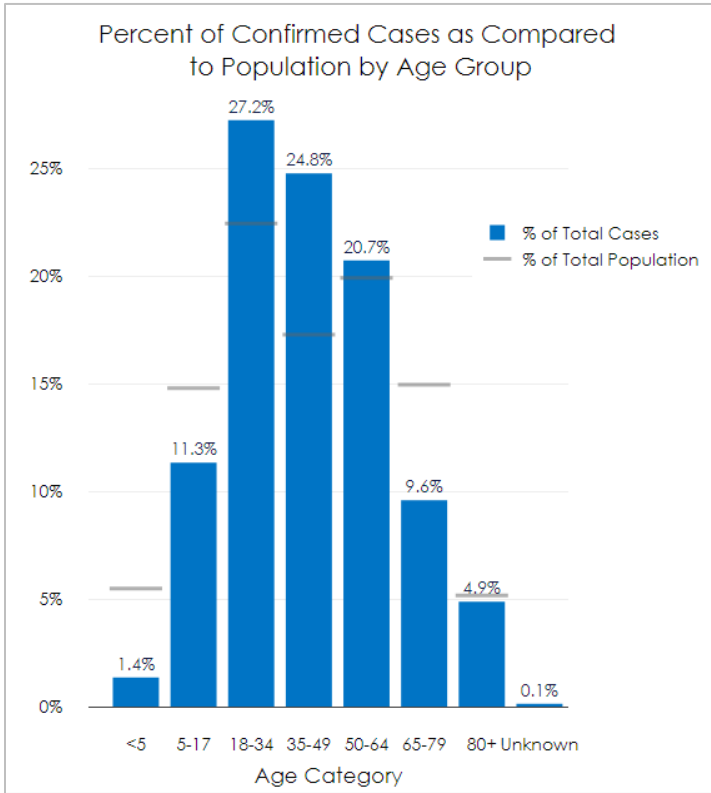
Hospitalization data is dependent upon case interviews, which may occur prior to hospitalization, or hospital notification to Public Health. Therefore, all hospitalization data below should be considered as estimates and interpreted with caution.

Race/Ethnicity Distribution Among Confirmed Cases		
	June Cases	Total Cases
White	260	12398
Latinx	50	3410
Asian	19	1244
African American/Black	8	393
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	111
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	2	115
Multiple Race	17	856
Other Race	92	1820
Unknown	52	3446
Total Cases	502	23793

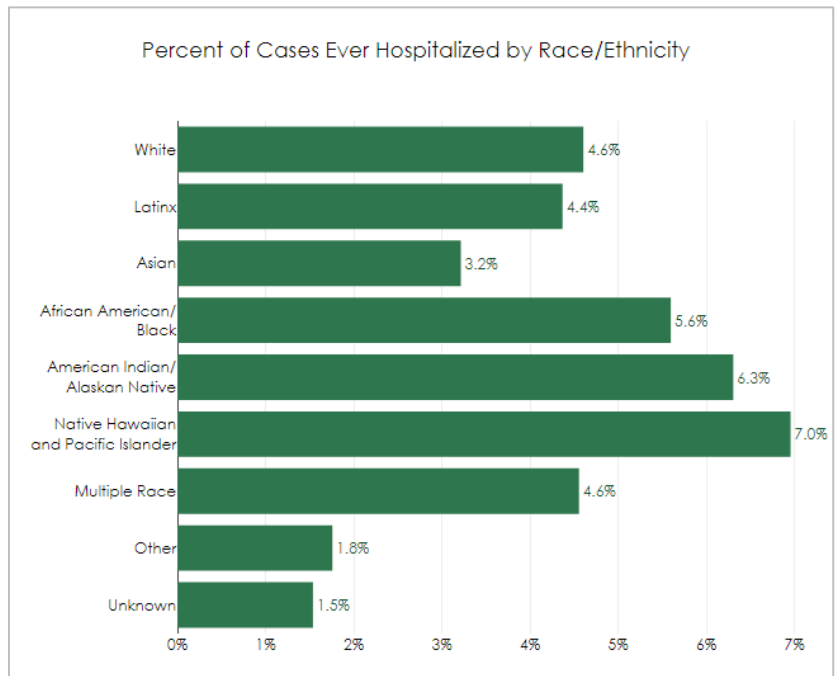


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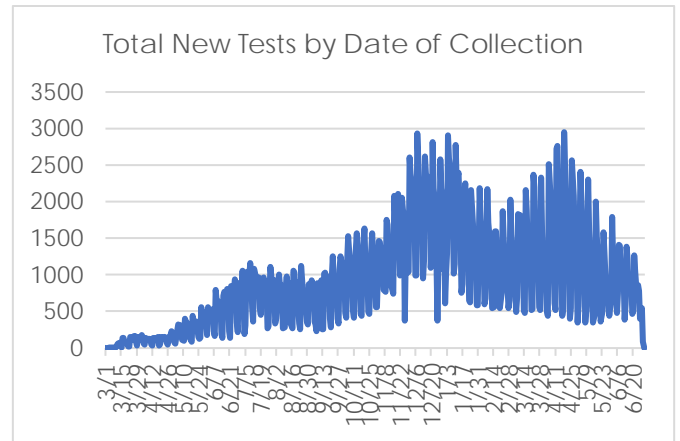
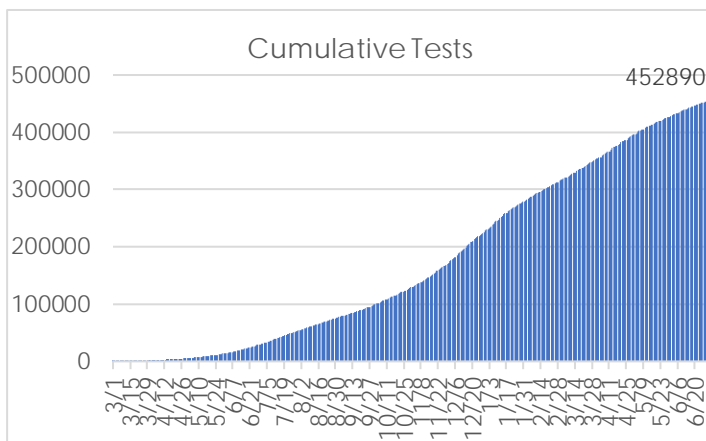


Race/Ethnicity Distribution and Hospitalization Among Confirmed Cases		
	Cases Ever Hospitalized	Total Cases
White	571	12398
Latinx	149	3410
Asian	40	1244
African American/ Black	22	393
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7	111
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	8	115
Multiple Race	39	856
Other Race	32	1820
Unknown	53	3446
Total Cases	921	23793



Testing

As of June 30, Placer County Public Health has received 452,890 total test results to detect COVID-19 infection (data pulled 7/1). The 7-day average testing positivity rate is 2.6%. Reported tests only include molecular tests that detect viral RNA. They do not include rapid antigen tests or serology (antibody) tests. An individual who tests positive on multiple occasions is only counted as a single case. Testing positivity rate is the number of new positive tests in the last 7 days / total tests reported in the last 7 days. The 7-day average testing positivity rate is variable for several days as new test results are reported. The figures for daily tests will increase as new results are received. View a graph of [7-day average daily tests and 7-day average testing positivity rate](#).



Variants

Variants of Concern and Variants of Interest have been identified in Placer County.

Variant of Concern Lineage	Number of Cases Identified
B.1.1.7	92
P.1 (B.1.1.28.1)	8
Delta (B.1.617.2)*	6

*The Delta variant was previously classified as a Variant of Interest. It has since been elevated by the CDC to a Variant of Concern.

Variant of Interest Lineage	Number of Cases Identified
B.1.526	1
B.1.427*	13
B.1.429*	25

*The B.1.427 and B.1.429 variants are now considered Variants of Interest.

These variants were identified via genomic surveillance, and likely represent only a small proportion of the true number of variant cases in the county. Click here for [CDC information on Variants of Interest and Variants of Concern](#). Click here for [CDC information on proportions of variants circulating in the U.S. and regionally](#).

MIS-C

Placer County Public Health has received reports of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19. As of June 30, Public Health has received 5 reports of confirmed cases of MIS-C. Click here for [CDC information about MIS-C](#). Public Health has not received reports of any deaths related to MIS-C.

Case Investigation Findings: June 1-30

	Number of cases	% of total
Total cases received by Placer County Public Health with June episode dates	502	100 %
Personal contact attempted for interview*	497	99 %
Cases interviewed	242	48 %

*Includes non-response

Potential Exposure Settings:

	Count
Reported close contact to a confirmed case	96
Household member contact	67
Work-affiliated contact	7
School-affiliated contact	2
Community contact	20
Other/not specified	0

	Count
Reported attending a large gathering	68
Friend or family gathering	44
Work-affiliated gathering	0
School-affiliated gathering	7
Religious gathering	1
Travel	14
Other/not specified	2

Public Health strives to interview as many cases as possible. Cases are prioritized for an interview based on how many days have elapsed since the time of their test date and result date, along with risk factors, including age and vulnerable settings. A virtual survey was sent to all cases/contacts if a phone number was provided and personal contact for interview was attempted.

Potential exposure settings are defined as indoor or outdoor locations in which cases came within 6 feet of a case for at least 15 minutes during the 2-14 days prior to symptom onset or test collection date for asymptomatic cases. Potential exposure settings are not confirmed sources of infection, and do not reflect all reported potential exposure settings. Persons may have visited more than one location. Responses are based on information volunteered on interview or submitted via virtual survey.

FAQs

What will be changing about the frequency of the daily COVID-19 data dashboard and this monthly report?

The data dashboard at www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus/cases will be shifting from a weekday posting frequency to once weekly, updated on Wednesdays. The last daily update will be today, July 2, and weekly updates will begin July 7. This in-depth report, which has been published on a monthly basis, will shift to a bi-monthly model for the rest of 2021 (to be published next on Sept. 3 and Nov. 5), and on an ad hoc basis after that dependent on emergent trends.

The reasons for this are multifold. Placer County's core epidemiology staff is returning to other key public health work as overall COVID-19 response moves gradually toward a more long-term sustainable model, as one core program within Public Health.

Spacing out reporting at this stage of the pandemic is increasingly common; larger counties such as San Joaquin have already [made](#) such a shift. The state's daily dashboard, which reports county-level data for [Placer County](#) and others in addition to statewide data, has also grown more robust in the last few months (now reporting cases by both episode and report date, for example). This improvement at the state level has resulted in some duplication between agencies for many key metrics.

Periodic outbreaks and seasonal case shifts are projected to continue in the absence of herd immunity, though the expectation is that vaccination will help mute the impact on hospitalizations and mortality, particularly given higher rates of vaccination among high-risk age groups. Placer County Public Health will continue to monitor trends and reevaluate reporting frequency as needed.

What will this mean for metrics reported on the dashboard?

Most of the metrics reported on the daily dashboard will remain the same, and trend graphs will reflect the full breadth of data (for example, when updated each Wednesday, hospitalization graphs over time will reflect all daily data points from the previous week, not just those of that day).

The "Change Since Last Reported" metric will be removed when the dashboard is updated on July 7. While this metric continues to be perceived by some members of the public as a 'daily new case' number, this interpretation is not a useful indicator of current trends. For example, in the past month many laboratories have been reconciling records and transmitting older cases from 2020 to meet the state's July 2 deadline for 2020 case closure. On many days in June, this has meant a higher net "Change Since Last Reported" figure even while the case rate (which looks at recent cases only) has remained relatively stable between 3-4.5 cases per 100,000.

In place of this metric, an "Average Daily Cases" figure will be added that is a 7 day average of new cases received with a 7 day lag. This is similar to the case rate metric in that it looks at recent cases only (those cases within 7 days based on episode date, rather than report date), but unlike the case rate it is not adjusted for population size (the average daily case rate is per 100,000 residents). This will be a better indicator of trends, particularly on a weekly frequency. The existing "New Cases by Episode Date" graph is also a more reliable indicator of current trends.

Is there local (county-level) vaccine breakthrough case data available?

Public Health has now been given access to CDPH reporting tools that reconcile CAIR (immunization registry) data with CalConnect (case and contact tracing) data to identify individuals who have both tested positive for COVID-19 and received a full vaccination series.

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CDPH is continuing to refine these reporting tools. Currently, Public Health is not yet reporting this data while awaiting improvements as the current data is not ready for consumption.

While case investigators with Public Health now ask about vaccination status in each case interview, given the current reluctance around interviews, this self-report metric does not accurately reflect county-wide breakthrough case data.

What is known about the spread of the Delta variant in Placer County?

As reported on page 5, Placer County Public Health has been notified of 6 cases of the Delta variant identified through genomic surveillance. Genomic surveillance is limited and does not provide a complete picture of the variant's spread, but can be one indicator of increased prevalence. Currently, sequencing results are typically not available until a few weeks or more after specimens are collected. The Delta variant is associated with increased transmission.

Monitoring/Thresholds

The state's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" was retired on June 15, 2021. While Placer County Public Health continues to report case rate and positivity rate data, the previous thresholds for tier assignment are no longer in place. View the [Beyond the Blueprint Framework](#) to understand what public health guidance remains in place.