

Solano Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter

APRIL 17, 2020

We thank everyone for abiding by the shelter-at-home order and staying home as much as possible. Your diligence is helping to save lives. Let's keep up the good work of being physically distant, while continuing to practice kindness and virtual social engagement.

Coronavirus Dashboard

	California	Solano	Hospital Impact in Solano County	
COVID-19 Cases	26,182	156	Currently Hospitalized	9
Total Deaths	890	2	ICU Capacity	GOOD
Lab Tests	246,400	2,169	Available Ventilators	GOOD

Source: California Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard, Solano County Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard as of April 16, 2020

As of April 16, 2020, Solano County has had 156 total confirmed cases reported, with 39 total hospitalizations, 37 active cases, and 9 current hospitalizations. Most local COVID-19 cases live in Vallejo, Fairfield, and Vacaville, which are the most populated cities in Solano County.

The majority of COVID-19 cases in Solano County fall in the 19 to 64 year old age group. One known resident death falls in the 19 to 64 years of age group and the other death is in the 65 years of age and older group.

Currently, there is still an adequate number of ICU beds and ventilators as well as personal protective equipment (PPE).

[Solano County COVID-19 Dashboard](#) is updated weekdays at 4:30PM.



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Solano County Coronavirus Response

Protecting our Seniors

Coronavirus can have harmful impacts when outbreaks occur in areas where senior residents congregate. Solano Public Health staff is checking in with long-term care facilities and skilled nursing homes to ensure that these agencies are prepared to handle outbreaks and that seniors continue to be protected.

Supporting Homeless Individuals

Health and Social Services' Behavioral Health Division is leading coordination meetings to gather information across divisions and departments to better support this population. The department is partnering with the Community Action Partnership Solano, Joint Powers Authority and the County Administrator's office on the Governor's initiative to house homeless in hotels and motels during the pandemic.

Providing Testing to Essential Workers and Vulnerable Populations

Testing in our County, and statewide, continues to be limited. The County is addressing the need for testing by continuing to conduct drive-through testing for symptomatic first responders, healthcare workers, and essential workers - the workforce that have been allowing our community to safely get through the shelter at home order. Additionally, testing has now expanded to adults 65 years of age and older and people with chronic diseases who experience COVID-19 symptoms. Test results are provided within 1-3 days. To schedule an appointment call our appointment line at 707-784-8655 Monday- Friday from 9am-4:30pm. Beginning next week the site will move to Fairfield.

Preparing for a Hospital Surge

The Emergency Medical Services Team in partnership with the state is working with hospitals to prepare and plan for surge capacity, and the potential use of alternate care sites should hospital systems get overwhelmed. To date, none of the hospitals are currently at surge capacity and remain at "good" level, as reported on the dashboard.

Collaborating with the State

The Shelter at Home order is working to flatten the curve, but this is not something that can be sustained long term, considering the social and economic disruptions it causes to the community. Solano County is continuing to collaborate with the state on how best to slowly open up communities again without causing a surge of cases that may overwhelm our healthcare system. The Governor has laid out a 6-point plan for the reopening of the state; Solano County is using this as guidelines to prepare for the reopening of our community. For more information about Governor Newsom's announcement and other COVID-19 interventions visit: <https://bit.ly/2VBQO7E>

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Solano County Featured Community Resource

Mental Health Resources

The novel coronavirus may be creating anxiety for many people. Solano County Behavioral Health staff are available to answer calls and provide us with support and resources. If you need to find out about mental health or substance use services, call 800-547-0495.

Community members may also call the Coronavirus Warmline at 707-784-8988 and be routed to a Behavioral Health staff. For resources visit [solanocounty.com/depts/bh](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bh)

Additional Information

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) - April 14, 2020

The CDC recently published an article in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report entitled Transmission of COVID-19 to Health Care Personnel During Exposures to a Hospitalized Patient – Solano County, California, February 2020. The article features contributions from Solano Public Health Epidemiologists and other staff along with local, state, and federal partners describing the first known case of community-acquired COVID-19, as well as testing, investigation, patient care, and containment measures. We would like to congratulate our COVID-19 response team and send a shout out to Epidemiologist Tara Scheuer. See the article on the CDC website here: <https://bit.ly/3cwEVaj>

Launch of Drive-through Testing

As we end our second week of operating the Solano County COVID-19 drive through testing site at the Vallejo Fairgrounds, we would like to thank all of the teams that have contributed to the successful operation of the site. Beginning next week the site will move to Fairfield. With resources from FEMA, CAL OES, and Touro University, Solano Public Health and Solano OES have operated the testing site to serve our community. Our amazing COVID-19 response team has worked diligently to make sure community members have access to testing. THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19?



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