



## COVID-19 INCIDENT UPDATE: March 24, 2021

Statistics from March 23, 2021

INCIDENT FACTS AND SUMMARY			
Total Confirmed Cases:	Hospitalized in Shasta County	In Isolation	Active Cases
<b>11,307</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70 (estimate)</b>	<b>75 (estimate)</b>
Confirmed Cases Tuesday	Currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Available Regional ICU Capacity	Released from Isolation to Date
<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>11,032</b>
Newly Received Negative Tests	Number of Tests in the Past 14 Days (+ and -)	Total Tests	Deaths
<b>662</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>173,813</b>	<b>200</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

- We had 13 cases Tuesday, including 7 men and 6 women:
  - 2 children under 13
  - 1 teenager
  - 6 people in their 20s
  - 2 people in their 30s
  - 2 people in their 40s
- This report includes a weekly update to our total case numbers, as we have been conducting case investigations to correct reported cases that were duplicates or out-of-county records. Due to a state database error which has now been corrected, this week's adjustment resulted in an increase in our total confirmed case numbers.
- The COVID B117 variant has been detected in Shasta County. The variant doesn't change *how* a person gets sick but how *likely* a person is to get sick and need medical care. B117 produces more virus particles and increases transmission by roughly 50%. There's also evidence that the variant causes more severe illness. It's natural for a virus to shift its genetic makeup over time. The shift is called a variant because the virus varies from its original form. Variants of the COVID virus are concerning when evidence shows the variant:
  - Spreads more easily from person to person (increased transmissibility).
  - Triggers symptoms that are more severe and/or harder to treat, resulting in more people needing hospital care or dying.
  - Causes disease in people who would normally be considered immune (from prior illness or vaccination).
- Now that B117 is in Shasta County, please continue to take actions to protect yourself and others from getting COVID-19. Continue to limit your time in public, keep your distance, wear a mask, get vaccinated when it's your turn and wash your hands often.
- Appointments are **available now** for first-dose clinics this week. **Vaccine is free.** The clinics are:
  - Shasta College (Moderna): Thursday, March 25 [by appointment](#).
  - Shasta College (Pfizer): Friday, March 26, [by appointment](#).
  - You can also sign up at [MyTurn](#) – appointments are available now, and if you're not eligible, the system will let you know when you are. Learn more at [www.ShastaReady.org](http://www.ShastaReady.org), click on "Vaccinations."