



COVID-19 INCIDENT UPDATE: April 21, 2021

Statistics from April 20, 2021

INCIDENT FACTS AND SUMMARY			
Total Confirmed Cases:	Hospitalized in Shasta County	In Isolation	Active Cases
11,743	9	154 (estimate)	163 (estimate)
Confirmed Cases Tuesday	Currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Available Regional ICU Capacity	Released from Isolation to Date
40	4	34.6%	11,361
Newly Received Negative Tests	Number of Tests in the Past 14 Days (+ and -)	Total Tests	Deaths
1,248	7,203	192,827	219

CURRENT SITUATION

- We had 40 cases Tuesday, including 18 men and 22 women:
 - 6 children under age 13
 - 5 teenagers
 - 11 people in their 20s
 - 3 people in their 30s
 - 7 people in their 40s
 - 4 people in their 50s
 - 2 people in their 60s
 - 2 people of unknown age
- 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.
- Shasta County still has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the state. When more members of a community are vaccinated, fewer people get sick, saving lives. Choosing to get vaccinated against COVID-19 helps protect the health and wellbeing of our communities. Together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Learn more at www.ShastaReady.org.
- As mentioned last week, four different variants have been identified in Shasta County, including the rare South African variant, B.1.351. This variant has been identified in 6 people so far, all of whom are connected, and it has resulted in 4 deaths. This variant is more contagious than the original COVID virus. The local discovery of this variant, coupled with the county's low vaccination rates, is very concerning and requires prompt attention to increase vaccine coverage. It is particularly important for people who work in residential care facilities to be vaccinated, as low vaccination rates in staff can make residents vulnerable to variant strains even when they are vaccinated. If you work in such a facility and are unsure about getting the vaccine, please speak with your healthcare provider to address your concerns. More information is available at www.ShastaReady.org; click on "Vaccinations."