



COVID-19 INCIDENT UPDATE: May 24, 2021

Statistics from May 21 and 22, 2021

INCIDENT FACTS AND SUMMARY			
Total Confirmed Cases:	Hospitalized in Shasta County	In Isolation	Active Cases
12,360	14	147 (estimated)	161 (estimated)
Confirmed Cases Friday and Saturday	Currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Available Regional ICU Capacity	Released from Isolation to Date
31 Friday, 10 Saturday	2	34.9%	11,971
Newly Received Negative Tests	Number of Tests in the Past 14 Days (+ and -)	Total Tests	Deaths
1,321	8,632	214,823	228

CURRENT SITUATION

- We had 41 cases Friday and Saturday, including 18 men, 22 women and 1 person of unknown gender:
 - 4 children under age 13
 - 1 teenager
 - 12 people in their 20s
 - 3 people in their 30s
 - 11 person in their 40s
 - 4 people in their 50s
 - 4 people in their 60s
 - 2 people in their 70s
- All three vaccine brands are available all over Shasta County. Find an appointment or walk in to a clinic near you by going to www.ShastaReady.org and clicking "Vaccinations."
- [Pregnant people are at higher risk](#) of getting very sick with COVID-19 than people who are not pregnant. Pregnant people with COVID-19 are also at higher risk for pregnancy complications, such as high blood pressure, bleeding disorders, death and stillbirth. Pregnant people with COVID-19 may also be at higher risk for giving birth early. If you recently gave birth and are breastfeeding, public health experts believe the vaccines do not pose any risks to your baby. Recent studies show that vaccinated pregnant people pass antibodies to their developing baby in the womb, and vaccinated mothers are likely to pass protective antibodies in breast milk to their babies.
- With vaccine rates increasing nationwide, the current concern isn't about another nationwide surge, but potential state or local spikes. Areas at the highest risk, including Shasta County, meet three criteria:
 - **Lower vaccination rates.** In Shasta County, only 42.1% of eligible people have had at least one dose, compared with 60.8% statewide and 48.2% nationally.
 - **Higher temperatures.** Heat forces people indoors, and the virus spreads more easily inside. It's also difficult for businesses to opt to open outdoors when it's very hot outside.
 - **Lower adherence to precautions.** The first two problems could be lessened with widespread social distancing and masking, especially for unvaccinated individuals.