



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 28, 2021

Contact: Jolena Voorhis  
jvoorhis@sjgov.org / (209) 468-2997

## **San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Receive COVID-19 Updates and Take Actions** *COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths are increasing throughout the County*

STOCKTON –San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Park told the Board of Supervisors yesterday that COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations are steadily increasing since the State reopened on June 15. She said it appears the County is entering another surge that may be as bad as last summer among people who are unvaccinated and those who are vaccinated and may contract a breakthrough infection most likely from the Delta variant.

### **San Joaquin County COVID-19 latest statistics as of July 27, 2021:**

- 76,915 total COVID-19 cases; 1,460 deaths; 74 people hospitalized; 25 people in ICU; 13 people on ventilators
- 364,832 total residents have been fully or partially vaccinated through the County, as well as other multi-county entities, hospital systems, and pharmacies comprising 56.1% of San Joaquin County's total population
- 48.3% of residents aged 12 or over are fully vaccinated and 7.8% are partially vaccinated
- 11.5 daily new cases (per 100k), up from 4.3 on July 6
- 6% positive tests for the entire county, up from 2.6% on July 6

To view a weekly update of the County's COVID-19 statistics, visit: <http://www.sjcphs.org/Disease/Epidemiology.aspx>

Dr. Park explained to the Board that due to wave in new COVID cases, her office is recommending that the public continue wearing masks in an indoor public setting such as restaurants, grocery stores, or movie theaters. "The highly contagious Delta variant remains the dominant strain of the virus with more than 83 percent of cases throughout the state and the U.S. coming from Delta. Most of the people who are currently in the hospital with COVID-19 are unvaccinated, have an underlying medical condition, and have contracted the Delta variant. Sadly, as case rates continue to rise, we expect hospitalizations and deaths will continue to increase. In order to stay safe, we strongly encourage residents to continue getting vaccinated and wearing masks indoors which will make a huge difference."

Dr. Park also gave an update on COVID-19 requirements as K-12 student's return to school. She said that the County will follow California Department of Public Health guidelines, which include:

- Full in-person instruction
- Mandated masks indoors; optional outdoors for recess and P.E.
- No minimum physical distancing requirement
- Modified quarantine where masked students who are exposed to a COVID-19 positive masked student can stay in school if they have no symptoms and get tested twice a week
- CDPH will determine by November 1 whether to update mask requirement

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chairman Tom Patti concluded by saying, "The County will continue doing everything possible to spread the word to residents, especially those with underlying health conditions, about the importance of getting vaccinated in order to reduce COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths. It's the only way we can finally break free from the lingering and disruptive grasp of the virus."

###