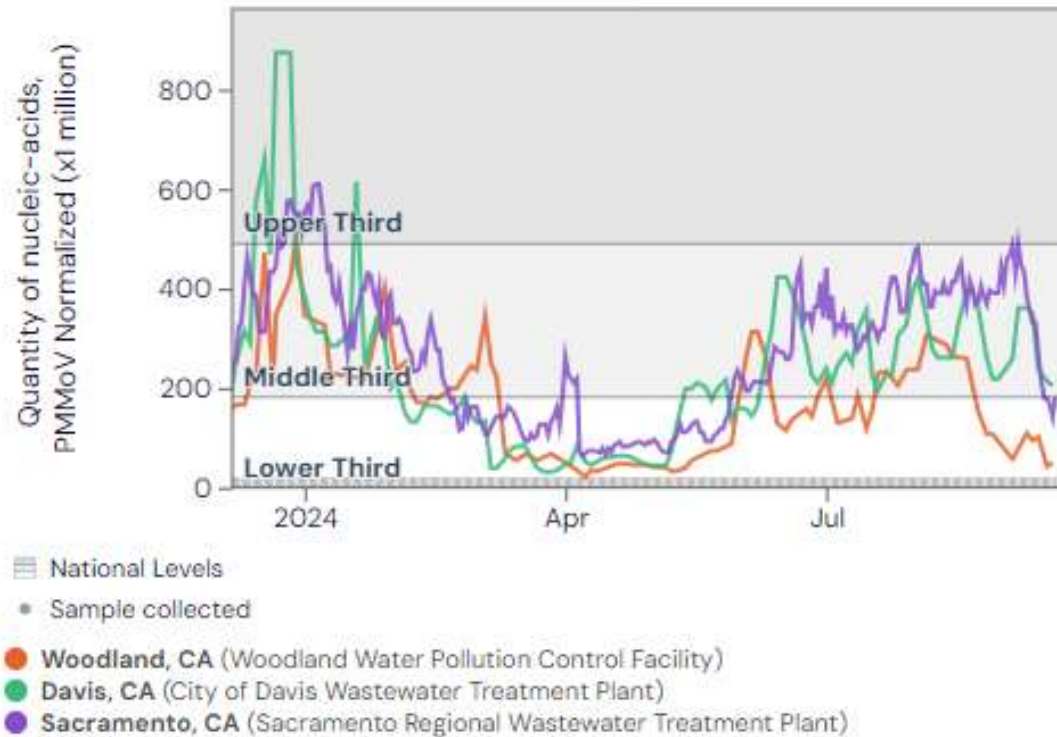


COVID-19 has not gone away.

- COVID-19 State of Emergency ended February 28, 2023
- Federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 ended May 11, 2023
- Fewer reporting requirements
 - Labs must report cases but providers do not have to
- Wastewater monitoring continues, but at fewer sites
 - Davis, Woodland, and West Sacramento have ongoing monitoring
 - Winters and Esparto have stopped monitoring

COVID-19 levels decreasing after summer peak.

SARS-CoV-2, 3 Sites



- Indoor masking recommended for all when SARS-CoV-2 levels in Wastewater are HIGH
- Indoor masking recommended for persons at high risk or who are in close contact with persons at high risk when levels are MEDIUM

Source: WastewaterSCAN, as of 9/23/24

California COVID-19 indicators improving.

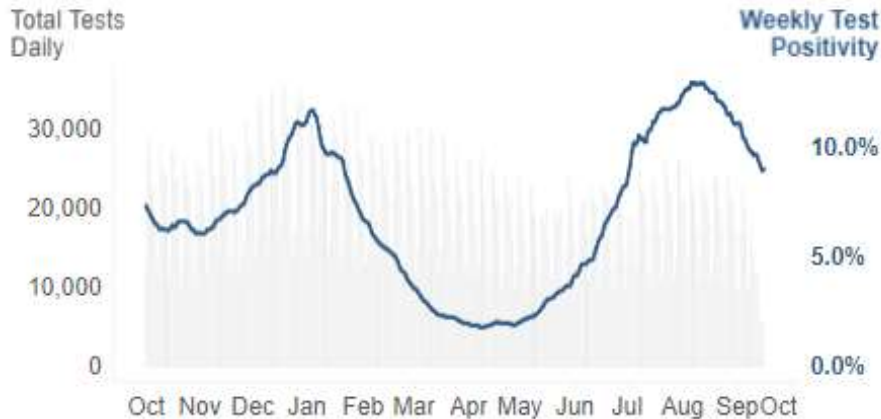
COVID Test Positivity in California

Select Date Range

60-Day

Respiratory Virus Season

8.9% Test Positivity (Most Recent 7-Day Rate)



COVID-19 Deaths in California

Select Deaths Metric

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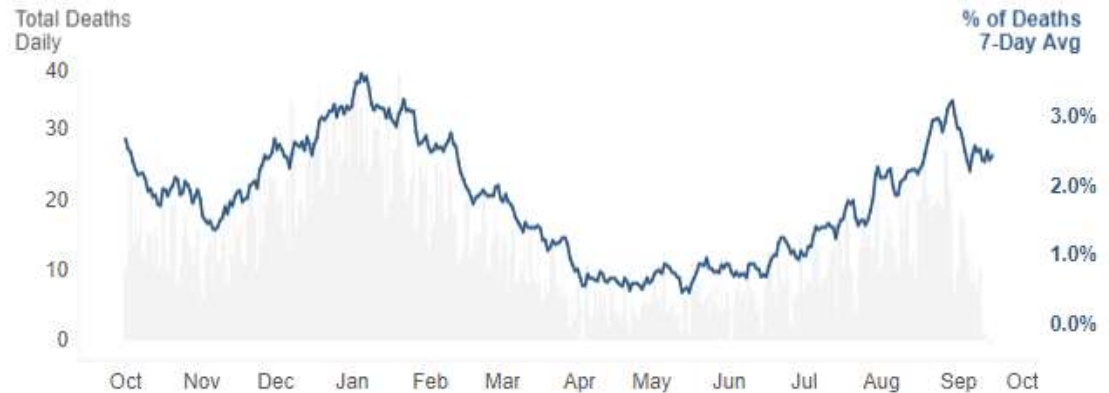
Per 100k

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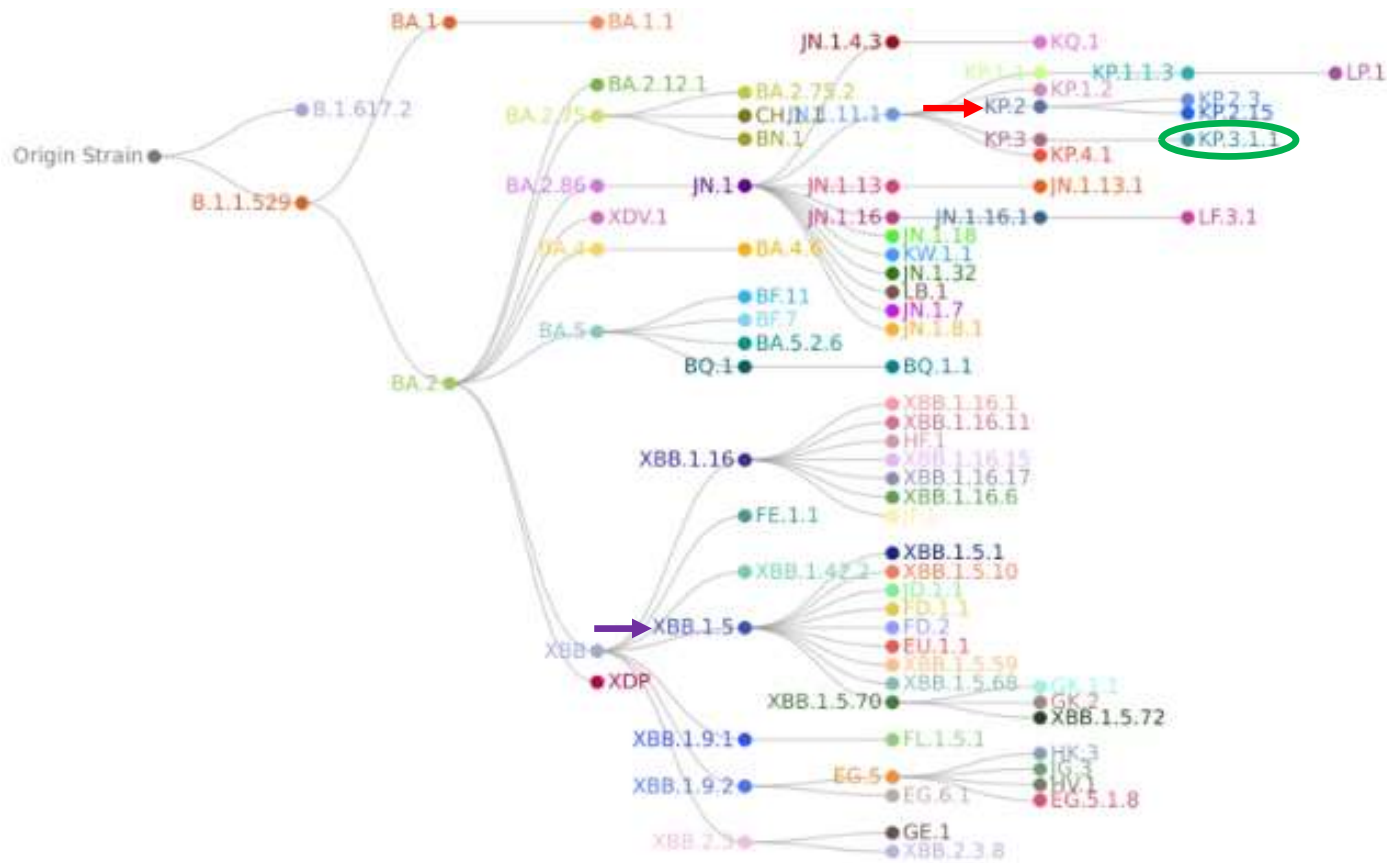
Respiratory Virus Season

2.4% of Total Deaths were Due to COVID-19 (Most Recent 7 Days)
0.01 Deaths Due to COVID-19 Per 100k (Most Recent 7-Day Average)



Source: CDPH Respiratory Virus Dashboard

SARS-CoV-2 virus continues to evolve.



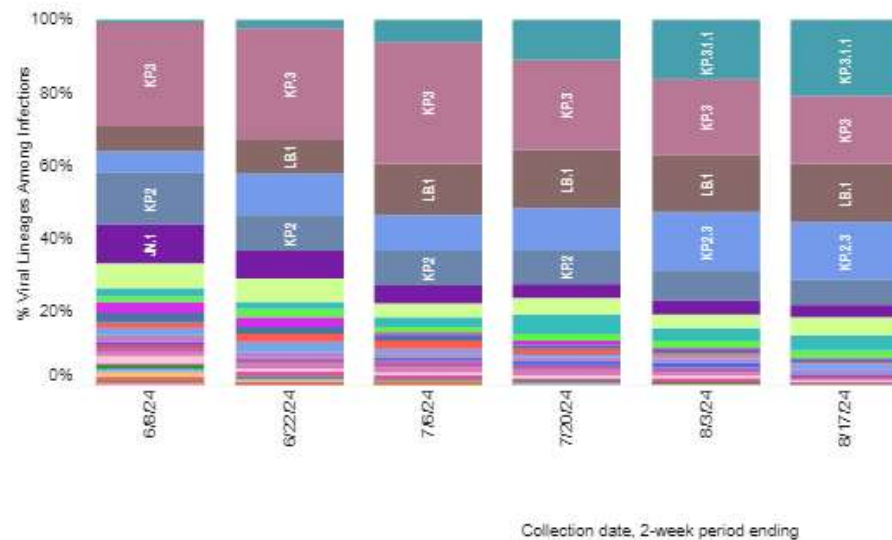
- 23-24 vaccine target
- 24-25 vaccine target
- Predominant variant

Omicron KP.3.1.1 is predominant variant.

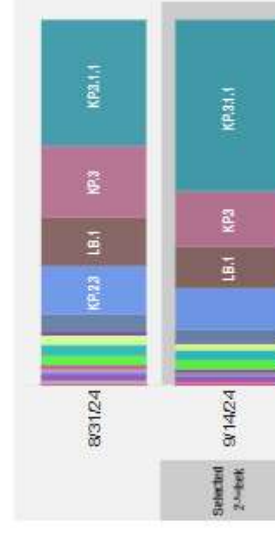
Weighted Estimates in HHS Region 9 for 2-Week Periods in 5/26/2024 – 9/14/2024

 Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.

Weighted Estimates: Variant proportions based on reported genomic sequencing results



























Nowcast**: Model-based projected estimates of variant proportions



Nowcast Estimates in HHS Region 9 for 9/1/2024 – 9/14/2024

Region 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau

| WHO label | Lineage # | US Class | %Total | 95%PI | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|---|
| Omicron | KP.3.1.1 | 46.9% | 43.1-50.8% | |  |
| | KP.3 | 15.2% | 12.7-18.0% | |  |
| | KP.2.3 | 11.5% | 9.3-14.1% | |  |
| | LB.1 | 11.2% | 9.4-13.3% | |  |
| | KP.2 | 3.6% | 2.9-4.4% | |  |
| | KP.1.1.3 | 2.8% | 1.9-4.0% | |  |
| | JN.1.18 | 2.6% | 1.0-6.2% | |  |
| | KP.1.1 | 1.9% | 1.5-2.4% | |  |
| | LP.1 | 1.0% | 0.5-1.7% | |  |
| | KS.1 | 0.6% | 0.4-1.1% | |  |
| | KP.2.15 | 0.6% | 0.4-0.9% | |  |
| | LF.3.1 | 0.5% | 0.2-1.1% | |  |
| | JN.1.16.1 | 0.5% | 0.3-0.7% | |  |
| | KP.4.1 | 0.4% | 0.2-0.7% | |  |
| | JN.1.11.1 | 0.2% | 0.1-0.4% | |  |
| | JN.1 | 0.2% | 0.1-0.3% | |  |
| | XDV.1 | 0.1% | 0.0-0.3% | |  |
| | KW.1.1 | 0.1% | 0.0-0.1% | |  |
| | JN.1.16 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.1% | |  |
| | KP.1.2 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.1% | |  |
| | JN.1.7 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |  |
| | BA.2.12.1 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.3% | |  |
| | JN.1.32 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |  |
| | JN.1.8.1 | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |  |

Source: CDC, as of 9/13/24

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are here.

- Vaccine is best protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death
- 2024-25 COVID-19 vaccine is FDA-approved
- Targets currently circulating Omicron variants
 - Pfizer and Moderna: KP.2
 - Novavax: JN.1
- Available from provider offices and retail pharmacies
- Can be given at same time as seasonal flu vaccine
- Recommended for everyone 6 months and older
- At least 2 months since last COVID vaccine
- Consider waiting 2-3 months after COVID infection before getting vaccinated



Insurance plans must cover most COVID-19 services.

COVID-19 Medical Coverage Changes

Following End of Federal Public Health Emergency



| | Vaccines | Treatment | Testing |
|---|--|--|---|
| Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service | Free COVID-19 vaccines. ¹ | Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor visits. ² | Free COVID-19 testing if ordered by a doctor. Eight free at-home test kits per month are guaranteed at least until September 30, 2024. ² |
| Medi-Cal Managed Care | Free COVID-19 vaccines. ³ | Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor visits. ³ | Free COVID-19 testing, including eight free at-home test kits per month. |
| Medicare | Free COVID-19 vaccines with in-network providers. ⁴ | Free COVID-19 oral medications. COVID-19 hospital visits and doctor visits with in-network providers are covered, but cost-sharing varies by plan. ⁵ | Free COVID-19 testing if ordered by a doctor. The cost of at-home test kits for people with Medicare Advantage will vary by plan and might be free in some plans. Some Medicare Advantage plans may still provide free at-home COVID-19 tests. ⁴ Medicare – Dual coverage also known as Medi-Medi where Medicare does not provide coverage for over-the-counter (OTC) COVID tests, Medi-Cal will provide coverage for the OTC COVID antigen tests through the Medi-Cal Rx benefit. |
| California Regulated Private Plans⁵ | Free COVID-19 vaccines, treatment, and testing with in-network providers, ³ including eight at-home test kits per month. Using out-of-network providers may result in costs such as co-pays. | | |
| Uninsured | Until August 2024 through the Bridge Access Program (BAP) ⁶ : Low-cost or free COVID-19 health care provider visits at FQHCs and free clinics. Free COVID-19 vaccines at BAP pharmacies, community organizations, clinics and FQHCs. See more resources at the CDC Bridge Access program and Vaccines for Children . Uninsured patients will have access to free OAV through the manufacturer's patient assistance programs. Learn more: testinglocator.cdc.gov . ⁷ | | |

Source: CDPH, as of July 2024

Free COVID-19 tests available.

- 4 free tests per household through Federal government beginning end of September ([covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov))
- Through insurance (8 tests per member per month) at in-network pharmacies
- Free tests in Yolo County vending machines while supplies last (approx. 1-2 months)

Be prepared for respiratory virus season.



 **6 Tips to Stay Healthy
this Cold & Flu Season**





- Stay Up to Date on Vaccines
- Stay Home & Test If Sick
- Seek Treatment
- Consider Masking
- Wash Hands
- Cover Your Cough

 **SLOW THE SPREAD**


Stay home if you are sick.

Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot

Core prevention strategies

| | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Immunizations  | Hygiene  | Steps for Cleaner Air  | Treatment  | Stay Home and Prevent Spread*  |
|---|---|--|---|---|



Additional prevention strategies

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Masks  | Distancing  | Tests  |
|---|--|---|


Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- ✓ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- ✓ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

***Stay home and away from others until, for 24 hours BOTH:**

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Your symptoms are getting better You are fever-free (without meds)

 **Then take added precaution for the next 5 days**