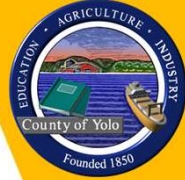




COVID-19 UPDATE

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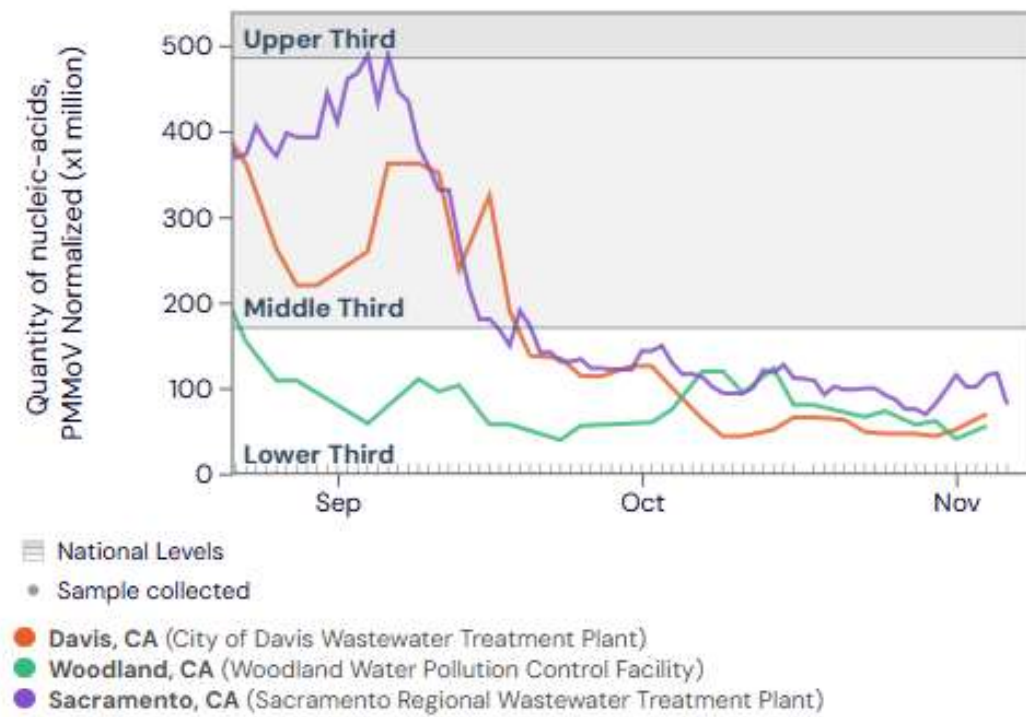


COVID-19 HAS NOT GONE AWAY.

- 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, at fewer sites
 - Davis, Woodland, & West Sacramento ongoing
 - Winters and Esparto stopped

COVID-19 LEVELS ARE LOW IN YOLO.

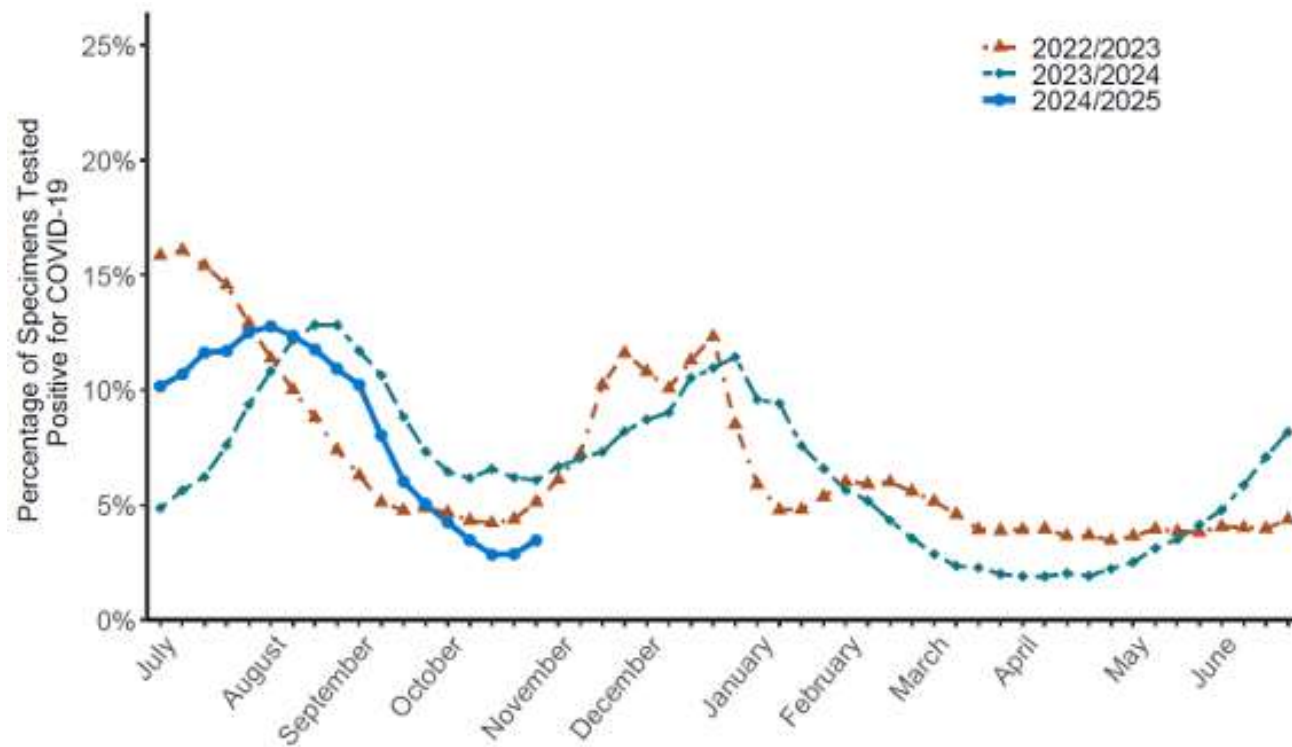
SARS-CoV-2, 3 Sites



- HIGH: Indoor masking recommended for all
- MEDIUM: Indoor masking recommended for persons at high risk or in close contact with persons at high risk

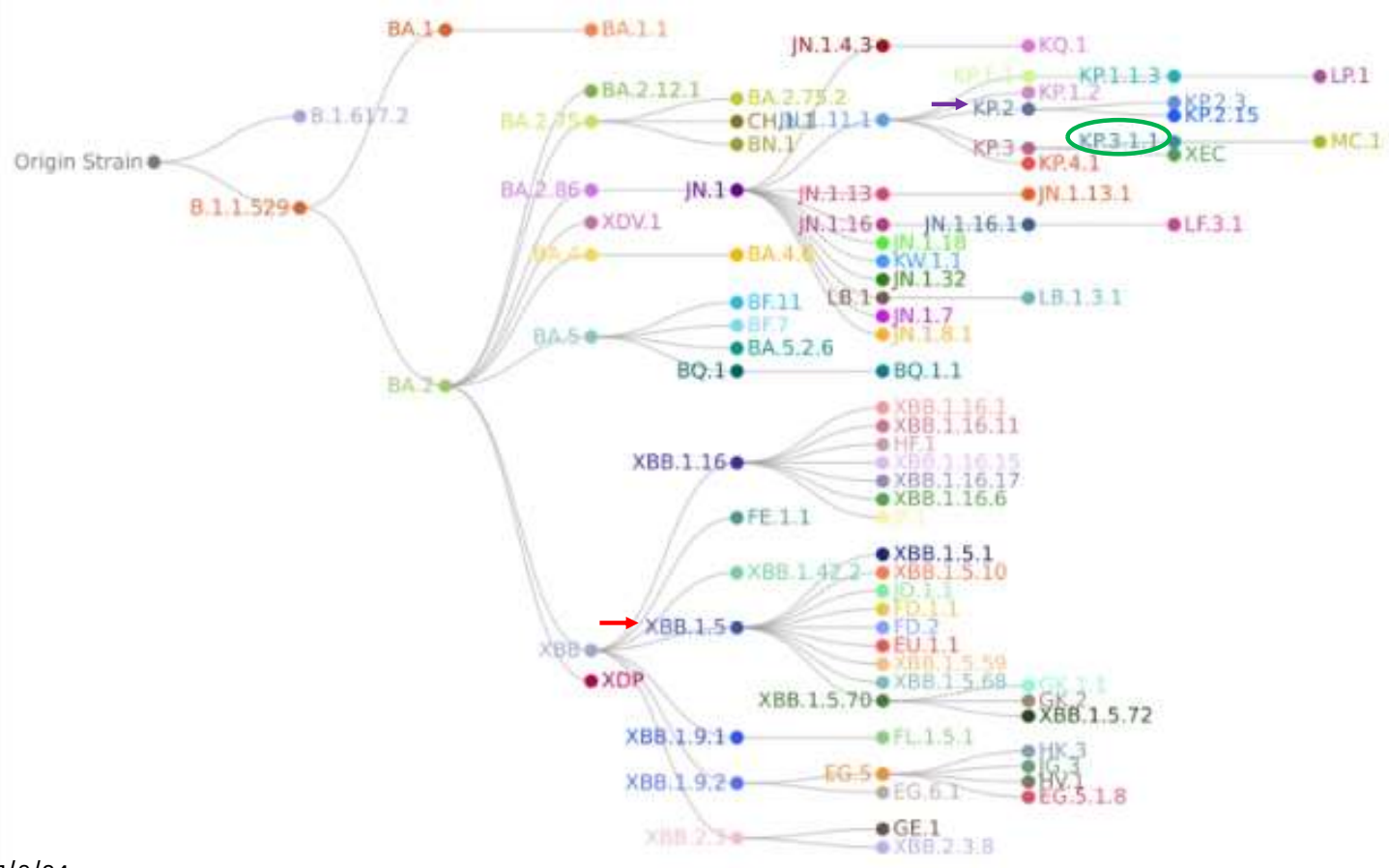


CALIFORNIA COVID-19 LEVELS AS EXPECTED FOR SEASON.



Source: CDPH Respiratory Virus Weekly Report, 10/27-11/2/2024

SARS-COV-2 VIRUS CONTINUES TO EVOLVE.

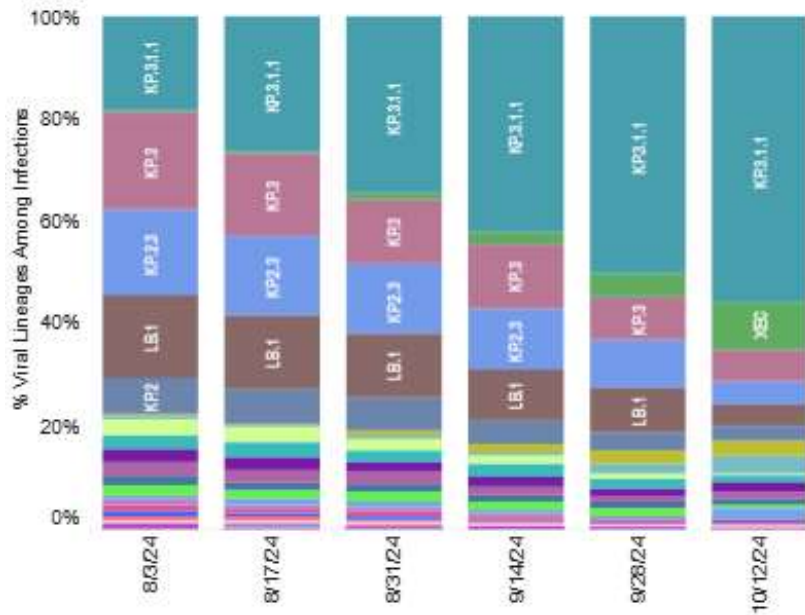


→ 23-24 vaccine target
 → 24-25 vaccine target
 ○ Predominant variant

Source: CDC, as of 11/6/24

OMICRON KP.3.1.1 IS PREDOMINANT VARIANT.

Weighted Estimates: Variant proportions based on reported genomic sequencing results



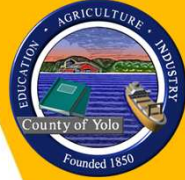
Nowcast**: Model-based projected estimates of variant proportions



USA

WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	KP.3.1.1	52%	47–57%
	XEC	28%	21–36%
	MC.1	6%	3–10%
	KP.2.3	3%	3–4%
	LB.1	3%	2–4%
	LB.1.3.1	2%	1–7%
	KP.3	2%	1–2%
	KP.2	1%	1–2%
	KP.1.1.3	1%	0–1%
	JN.1.18	1%	0–1%
	LP.1	0%	0–1%
	JN.1.16.1	0%	NA
	KP.1.1	0%	NA
	JN.1	0%	NA
	KS.1	0%	NA
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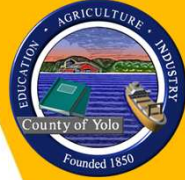
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UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINES ARE HERE.

- Vaccine is best protection against severe disease, hospitalization, & 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.

	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 Plans ⁵	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: California Department of Public Health



FREE COVID-19 TESTS ARE AVAILABLE.

- 4 free tests per household through Federal government ([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 (restocked weekly)
 - Davis HHSA
 - Esparto Library
 - West Sacramento HHSA
 - Winters City Hall
 - Woodland HHSA (Gonzales)

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

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

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