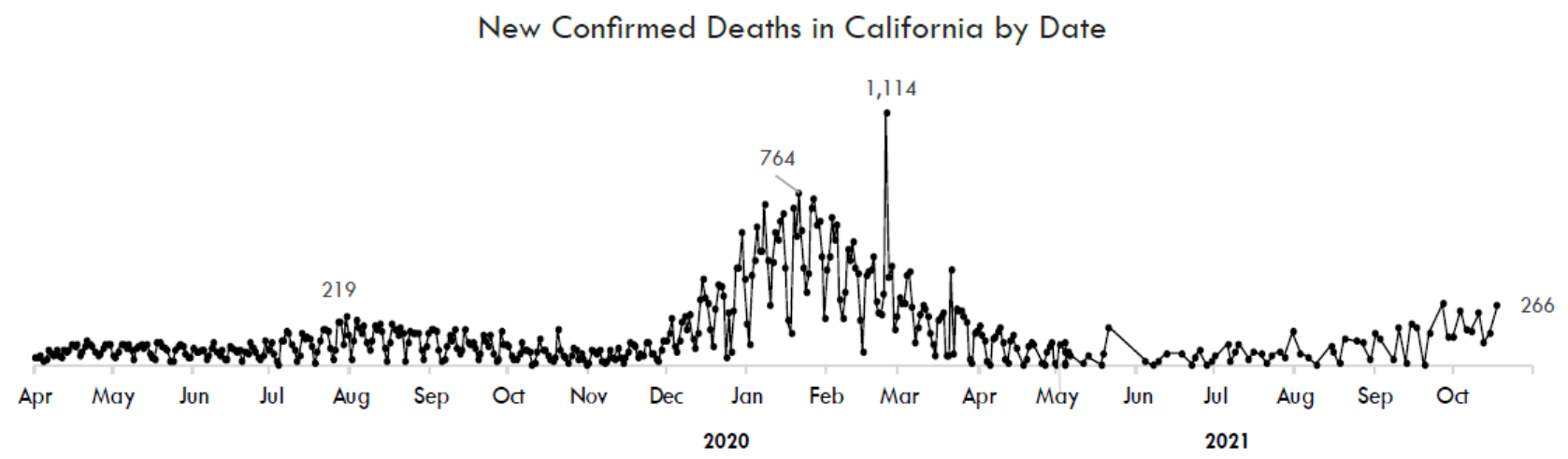
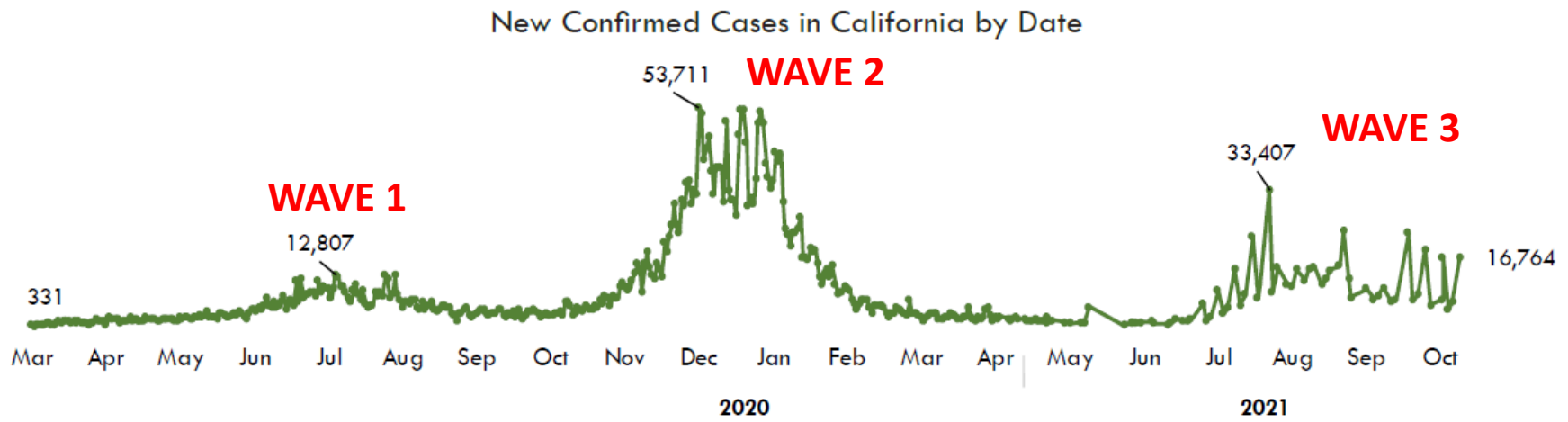




CRIHB COVID-19 Updates October 19, 2021

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Program name*





As of 10/18/2021. Source: CDPH

California COVID-19 threat level: **Very High**

DAILY NEW CASES

 **25.7** PER 100K

COVID NOT CONTAINED AND
DAILY NEW CASES AT HIGH LEVELS

INFECTION RATE

 **0.90**

COVID IS STILL SPREADING
BUT AT LOW LEVELS

POSITIVE TEST RATE

 **3.7%**

INDICATES MEDIUM TESTING

Lab tests reported statewide*: 89,332,249

7-day test positivity rate*: 3.0%

*as of 9/19/21

California COVID-19 threat level: **High**

DAILY NEW CASES

 **13.8** PER 100K

COVID NOT CONTAINED, BUT
DAILY NEW CASES ARE AT MEDIUM
LEVELS

INFECTION RATE

 **0.85**

COVID IS STILL SPREADING,
BUT AT LOW LEVELS

POSITIVE TEST RATE

 **2.3%**

INDICATES LOW TESTING
POSITIVITY

Lab tests reported statewide*: 98,640,328

7-day test positivity rate*: 2.0%

*as of 10/17/21

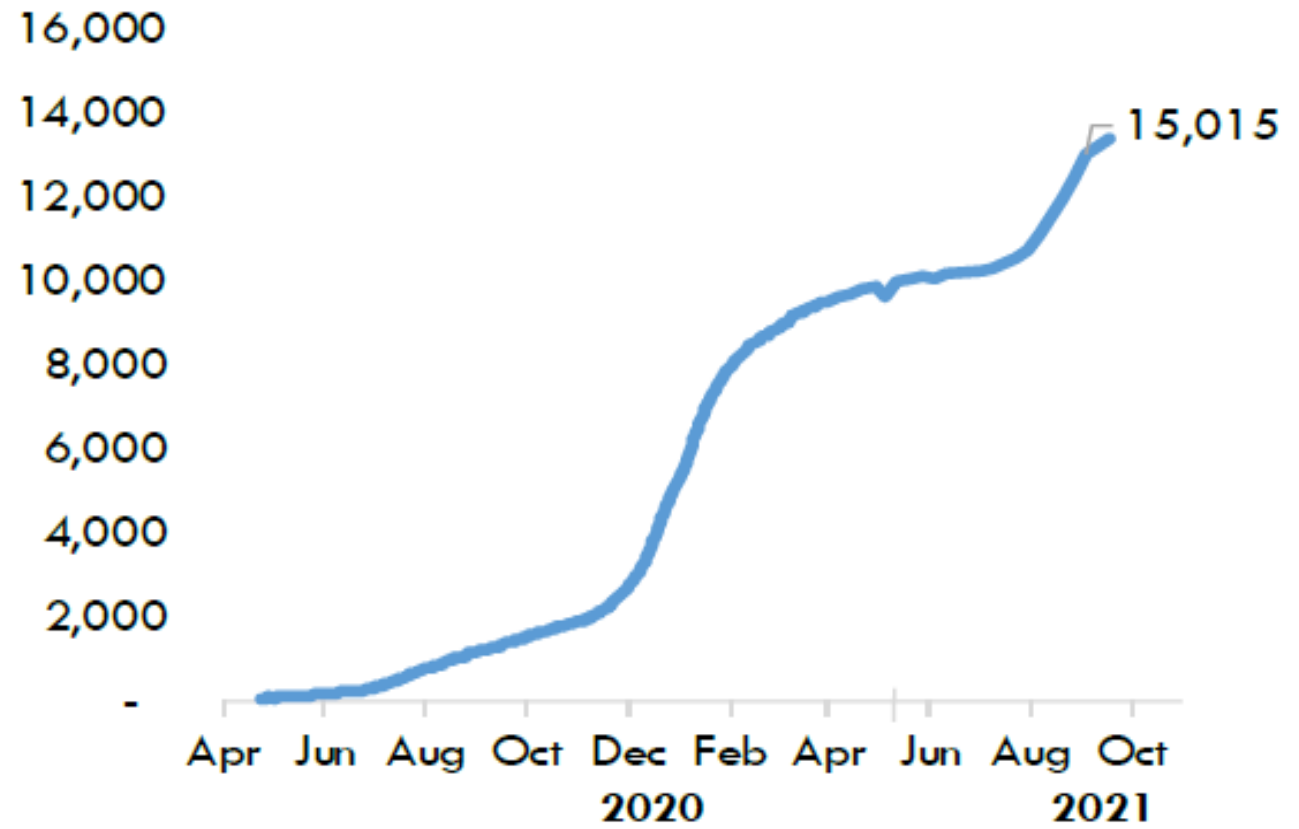
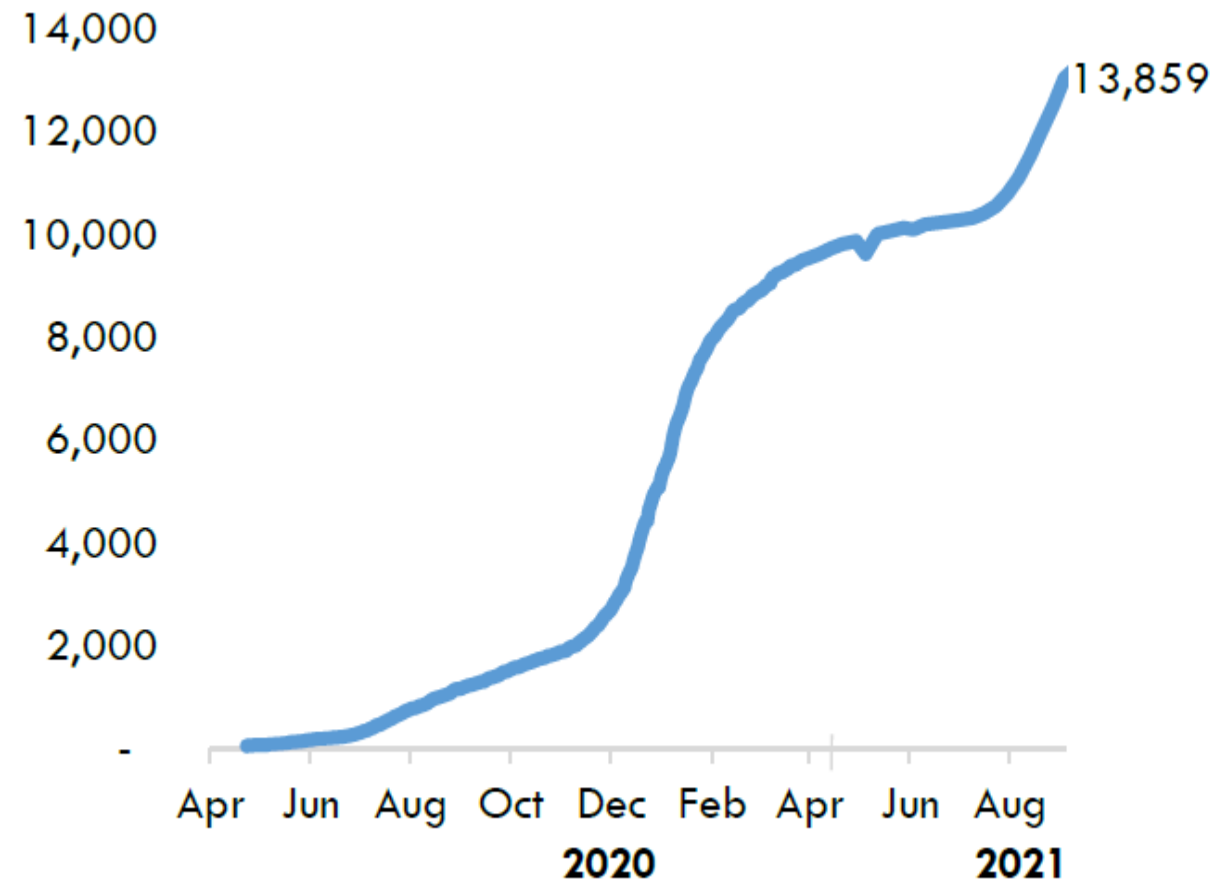


Variants in California

As of October 13, 201,568 samples have been sequenced in California. In August 2021, 12% of cases in California have been sequenced so far. In July 2021, 21% of cases in California were sequenced. The table below shows the percent of specimens sequenced that are variants of concern or variants of interest statewide.

Specimen Collection Month	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Iota	Kappa	Mu
21-Oct	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	99.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

COVID-19 cases in AIAN





Outbreaks in Tribal communities

- Multiple Tribal communities in California continue to experience COVID-19 outbreaks
- COVID-19 deaths in Tribal communities
- Limited resources in rural communities and schools
- Higher COVID-19 incidence rates in AIAN school age children (5-18 year of age) from rural counties when compared to urban counties

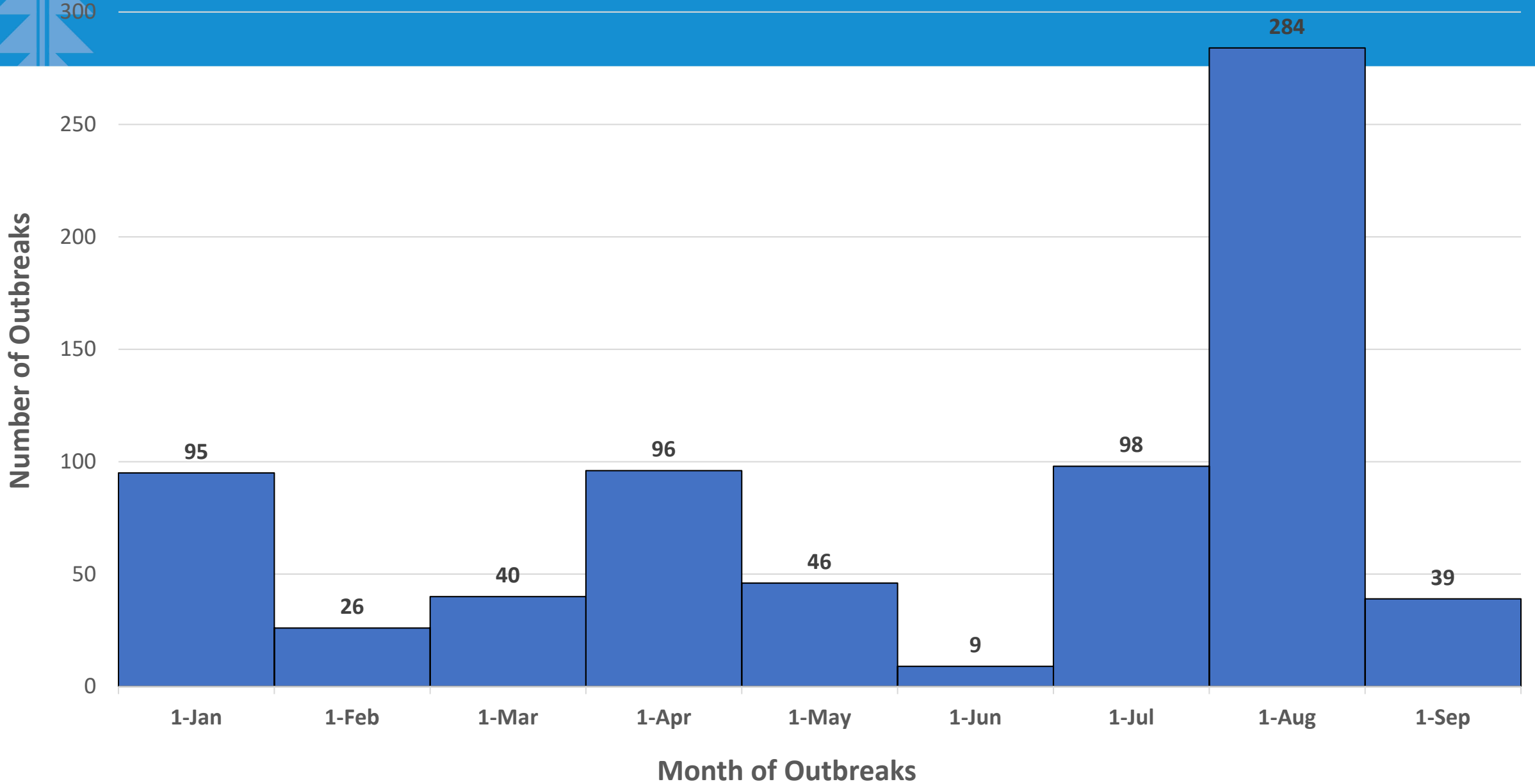
Case rates for AIAN 5-18 years of age (school-age)

COVID Case Rates for AIAN 5-18 Years of Age, Rural/Urban Comparison, 2020/2021

	Number of counties classified RURAL	Cases	Population	Case Rate for AIAN 5-18 Year-olds in RURAL Counties	Number of counties classified URBAN	Cases	Population	Case Rate for AIAN 5-18 year-olds in URBAN Counties
State	21	986	12,398	79.5	37	5,513	158,503	34.8
Northern Region	17	869	10,734	81.0	17	1,379	45,907	30.0
Central/Central Coast	3	34	1,071	31.7	13	1,253	34,532	36.3
Southern	1	83	593	140.0	7	2,881	78,064	36.9
<i>Checking total:</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>986</i>	<i>12,398</i>		<i>37</i>	<i>5,513</i>	<i>158,503</i>	

Preliminary analysis, source of data:
CDC

2021 California Covid-19 Elementary and secondary school Outbreaks by Month (n = 733)





Vaccine updates

- The FDA's advisory committee voted in favor of Moderna's booster doses for the elderly and those at high risk for developing severe COVID-19.
 - Not official yet but the agency usually follows what the panel recommends
- The FDA panel endorsed second shot of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine two months after the first dose
- The FDA panel will be voting next week on Pfizer's vaccine for children ages 5 to 11

Two sources for tracking American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) vaccinations administered in California

Data from [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) does not include vaccines administered by Federal entities such as **Indian Health Service**, Department of Defense, U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Veterans Affairs.

51,271,175

Doses administered

2,671,880

People partially vaccinated

24,426,200

People fully vaccinated

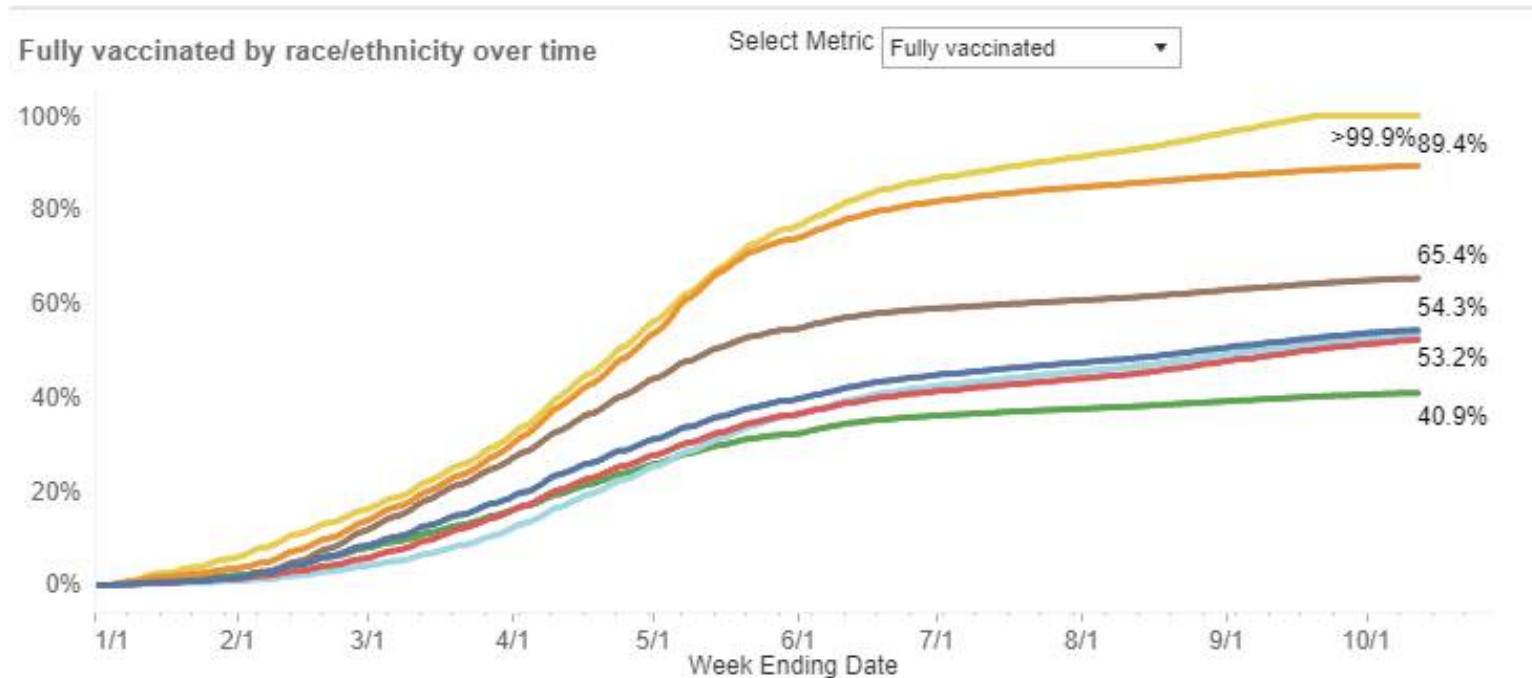


Doses administered by county of residence

Los Angeles	13,189,938
San Diego	4,592,709
Orange	4,243,823
Santa Clara	2,986,655
Alameda	2,430,208

As of 10/18/2021. Source: CDPH

Fully vaccinated by race/ethnicity in California



AIAN = 54.3%

Note: Population estimates do not include "other" or "unknown" race and ethnicity categories, therefore their percentage of state population is not available. Some race/ethnicity groups in this county may have small populations. Where the county of residence was not reported, the county where vaccinated is used. Data is not shown where there are fewer than 11 records in a group.





CDC Foundation COVID-19 Corps Staff

- The CDC Foundation has hired the following position to serve California Tribal communities. This is a 100% remote and will work directly with California Tribes and Tribal/Urban Indian Health Programs.
- Tribal Nation Emergency Preparedness Planner
 - Erika Porter
- Tribal Nation Epidemiologist (2)
 - Krista Morris, kmorris@cdcfoundation.org
 - John Egbo
- Tribal Nation Health Educator
 - Jaylin Bell
- Tribal Nation Public Health Disease Investigator (2)
 - Sasha Hoskie
 - Mwihaki Gaciri



Examples of work products

- Situational reports
- Data dashboards
- Preparedness plans
- Case investigations and contact tracing in coordination with counties
- Maps
- Educational materials



Submit CTEC TA online request:

<https://crihb.org/technical-assistance-request-form/>

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CRIHB COVID-19 Update Meeting Notes

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ATTENDEES:

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Dr. Thomas Kim
Kathleen Jack

DATE: Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 (3:30 PM-4:30 PM, PST)

HOST: CRIHB

MEETING RECORDING:

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Topics discussed:

- Current COVID-19 case trends in California
- COVID-19 Variants in California
- COVID-19 cases in American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) communities
- Tule River Tribe Public Health Authority "Event Assessment Form."

Case trends in California:

- We are currently at Wave 3 of confirmed COVID-19 cases in California
- The highest number of cases in a given day has been 33,407, and as of yesterday (10/18/21), we had 16,764 cases
- As of yesterday, there were 266 COVID-19 related fatalities
- Although still high in numbers, daily new cases, infections rates, and positive test rates have declined in October since September

COVID-19 Variants:

- As of 10/13/21, the Delta variant continues to be the most prevalent variant identified in COVID-19 cases in California
- The delta variant is linked to an increase in transmission and is associated with the 3rd wave of confirmed COVID-19 cases

COVID-19 Trends in AIAN:

- Compared with 13,859 cases in September, there are 15,015 cases in October
- There is an increase in cases among AIAN communities
- Outbreaks and COVID-19 related deaths persist in tribal communities
- Rural AIAN children experience more COVID-19 cases than Urban AIAN children
- Currently 54.3% fully vaccinated AIAN individuals overall in CA

Vaccine Updates:

- The FDA's advisory committee voted in favor of Moderna booster for special populations. However, it is still not yet official
- The FDA will vote next week regarding Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11
- ~24.4 million fully vaccinated individuals in California (~65% of CA total population)

CDC Foundation Recourses:

- Positions serving California Tribal communities offering various services-
 - Tribal Nation Emergency Preparedness Planner, Epidemiologists (2), Tribal Nation Health Educator, Tribal Nation Public Health Disease Educator (2)

Tule River Event Assessment Process:

- An event assessment form was created to assess the risk of an event and ultimately determine the event's approval.
- A public health authority assesses the risks, and the Tule River Indian Tribal Government decides whether to approve the event
- Creates a safe and effective process for planning an event