HIGHLIGHTS

Globally, COVID-19 cases have surpassed 438.9 million with more than 5.9 million deaths.

In the United States, the total number of cases stands at 78,977,146 and deaths at 952,223.

Masks are no longer required in most indoor settings for unvaccinated people, though they still remain strongly recommended. Find out where you still need to wear masks [HERE](#).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of COVID-19 related deaths for the American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) reached 10,259 as of last month. This somber statistic is a reminder of how devastating COVID-19 has been for Tribal nations. We mourn the loss of our family members, friends, neighbors, and Tribal citizens due to COVID-19. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is important that Tribal citizens remain vigilant. The best tool to prevent the worst outcomes from the virus is getting your vaccine and booster. The CDC data reinforces the importance of the vaccine and booster. The COVID-19 weekly death rate for the AI/AN community fell immediately after vaccinations began to be administered. The AI/AN weekly death rate peaked at 311 on December 19, 2020. This date coincides with when Pfizer and Moderna were both granted emergency use authorization. For the following six months, weekly Covid-19 deaths in Indian Country decreased to a low of 12 on June 26, 2021. Weekly deaths began to increase again after June 26, 2021 although they have never reached the peak of 311 from pre-vaccinated times. When the Delta variant was introduced into the community, weekly deaths in Indian Country began to rise and peaked on September 11, 2021 at 160, approximately half of the pre-vaccinated maximum weekly death toll.

UNITED STATES

**COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance**
- Total cases: 78,977,146
- Total deaths: 952,223
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

*As of April 14, 2020, CDC case counts and death counts include both confirmed and probable cases and deaths. This change was made to reflect an interim COVID-19 position statement issued by the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists on April 5, 2020.

A confirmed case or death is defined by meeting confirmatory laboratory evidence for COVID-19.

A probable case or death is defined by:
- i) meeting clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19; or
- ii) meeting presumptive laboratory evidence AND either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence; or
- iii) meeting vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID19.

State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

**National Laboratory Testing Data**
- Total tests reported: 822,566,285
- Positive tests reported: 77,507,028
- Percent of positive tests (7-day): 3.7%
CDC data shows that the statewide AIAN COVID-19 hospitalization rate for the week ending on 2/26/22 is 0.0 per 100,000, which is lower when compared to Whites (3.4 per 100,000).

As of March 4, 2022, there were a total of 8,399,677 positive cases and 85,353 deaths in California.

Confirmed positive cases by gender:
- Female: 4,283,835
- Male: 3,947,848
- Unknown: 167,993

Confirmed positive cases by age:
- Age 0-17: 1,595,939
- Age 18-49: 4,619,822
- Age 50-64: 1,427,945
- Age 65 and older: 755,971
California COVID-19 threat level: MEDIUM

DAILY NEW CASES

18.3 PER 100K

COVID-19 NOT CONTAINED AND DAILY NEW CASES ARE AT MEDIUM LEVELS

INFECTION RATE

0.75

COVID-19 IS STILL SPREADING AT LOW LEVELS

POSITIVE TEST RATE

3.2%

INDICATES MEDIUM TESTING POSITIVITY

Lab tests reported statewide: 148,551,611 7-day test positivity rate: 2.5%

Numerous public health labs in California are testing for COVID-19 samples. Click HERE to find your nearest testing site.

COVID-19 VARIANTS OF CONCERN, CALIFORNIA

As of March 2, 475,118 samples have been sequenced in California. In February 2022, 6% of 312,647 cases in California had been sequenced. In January 2022, 2% of 2,520,336 cases were sequenced. In December 2021, 9% of 694,243 cases were sequenced. The chart below shows the percent of specimens sequenced by month that are variants of concern/interest. The table below shows the percent of specimens sequenced by recent weeks that are variants of concern/interest statewide.

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<td>2/9/22</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CALIFORNIA AREA

165,341 Tribal or Urban Indian Health Program patients in the California Area have been tested for COVID-19 as of 3/2/2022.

Of these, 18,917 patients have tested positive for COVID-19 and 139,322 have tested negative for COVID-19. The 7-day rolling average positivity rate is 5.7%.
CONFIRMED CASES AND DEATHS BY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Counties with most reported cases

- Los Angeles: 2,671,564
- San Diego: 740,747
- Riverside: 586,785
- San Bernardino: 557,421
- Orange: 541,463

Counties with most reported deaths

- Los Angeles: 30,608
- San Bernardino: 6,641
- Orange: 6,638
- Riverside: 6,239
- San Diego: 5,045

8,399,677 Cases
85,353 Deaths

Newly Reported Cases in California by Date

Newly Reported Deaths in California by Date

As of 3/4/2022. Source: CDPH
Racial distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths in California

American Indians and Alaska Natives account for 0.5% percent of the population, 0.4% of COVID-19 cases, and 0.4% of deaths in California. This includes a total of 30,486 cases and 382 deaths among American Indian and Alaska Native people in California.

Note: 10% of cases and 1% of deaths are of unknown race/ethnicity. As of 3/4/2022. Source: CDPH

Data from California Department of Public Health (CDPH) include all positive cases of AIAN diagnosed in California.

As of 3/4/2022. Source: CDPH
California Department of Public Health reports COVID-19 data on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people that only identify in one racial category. Below is a comparison using CDC’s data on AIAN cases and deaths in California by racial classification, using a more restrictive definition (AIAN alone) versus a more comprehensive definition (AIAN in combination with other races/ethnicities).

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<td><strong>AIAN alone</strong></td>
<td>28,963</td>
<td>442</td>
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<td><strong>AIAN in combination</strong></td>
<td>96,456</td>
<td>931</td>
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As of 3/4/2022. Source: CDC
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.

71,808,499
Doses administered

3,513,698
People partially vaccinated

27,853,914
People fully vaccinated

Doses administered by county of residence

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<th>County</th>
<th>Doses Administered</th>
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<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>18,517,036</td>
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<td>San Diego</td>
<td>6,416,733</td>
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<td>Orange</td>
<td>5,876,746</td>
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<td>Santa Clara</td>
<td>4,345,680</td>
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<td>Alameda</td>
<td>3,526,710</td>
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The graph to the right shows that as of March 3, 2022, 55.7% of the eligible AIAN population statewide has been fully vaccinated (vs. 65.9% among Whites)

Fully Vaccinated by Race/Ethnicity, California

Vaccination Progress by Race/Ethnicity, California.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Race</th>
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<th>Partially Vaccinated</th>
<th>Unvaccinated</th>
<th>Eligible Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>AIAN^</td>
<td>91,265 (55.7%)</td>
<td>16,427 (10.0%)</td>
<td>56,032 (34.2%)</td>
<td>163,724</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>4,588,427 (92.3%)</td>
<td>409,708 (8.2%)</td>
<td>*NA</td>
<td>4,968,603</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>1,220,370 (56.3%)</td>
<td>132,080 (6.1%)</td>
<td>816,875 (37.7%)</td>
<td>2,169,325</td>
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<td>Latino</td>
<td>8,562,836 (57.9%)</td>
<td>1,222,198 (8.3%)</td>
<td>4,994,276 (33.8%)</td>
<td>14,779,309</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>132,618 (97.0%)</td>
<td>15,854 (11.6%)</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>136,761</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>9,534,844 (65.9%)</td>
<td>888,263 (6.1%)</td>
<td>4,044,555 (28.0%)</td>
<td>14,467,662</td>
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<td>Multi-Race</td>
<td>623,883 (61.9%)</td>
<td>23,481 (2.3%)</td>
<td>360,928 (35.8%)</td>
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<td>Other*</td>
<td>2,072,552</td>
<td>411,332</td>
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<td>Unknown*</td>
<td>1,000,768</td>
<td>393,920</td>
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*Percentage of vaccinations not available.
^Does not include doses administered by IHS
Data from the Indian Health Service (IHS) shows the total number of vaccine doses (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) distributed and administered by IHS Area to date.

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<th>Area</th>
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<th>Total Doses Administered</th>
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<td>Albuquerque</td>
<td>187,690</td>
<td>182,288</td>
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<td>Bemidji</td>
<td>227,520</td>
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<td>Billings</td>
<td>122,730</td>
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<td>California</td>
<td>336,130</td>
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<td>Great Plains</td>
<td>222,030</td>
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<td>Nashville</td>
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<td>657,265</td>
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<td>Tucson</td>
<td>15,690</td>
<td>11,606</td>
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*As of 2/28/2022. Source: IHS*
American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) COVID-19 cases reported by local public health departments in selected California counties

Los Angeles County*
AIAN Cases 4,880
AIAN Deaths 70
AIAN Tested 19,922

*Note: Data do not include the Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

San Bernardino County
AIAN Cases 6,994
AIAN Deaths 45

San Diego County
AIAN Cases 2,943
AIAN Deaths 21
AIAN Tested 16,438

Riverside County
AIAN Cases 2,530
AIAN Deaths 34

Sacramento County
AIAN Cases 1,243
AIAN Deaths 18

San Francisco County
AIAN Cases 303
AIAN Deaths 0

Alameda County
AIAN Cases 707
AIAN Deaths na