# COGASOC MEDICAL ADVISORY TEAM COVID-19 UPDATE

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## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Virus levels have decreased but the virus remains active and in our communities.
- Slowly increasing vaccination rates, the absence of mandates and declining use of mitigation factors, like masks, make it important for individuals to consider their personal circumstances.
- Specifically, consideration of an individual's own risk condition, personal risk tolerance, and their environment can be used to inform their decisions.



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#### PANDEMIC UPDATE (4/21/2022)

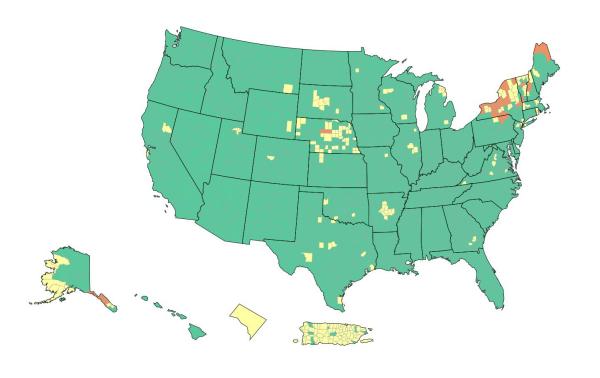
	CASES	DEATHS	VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED
WORLDWIDE	507,153,683	6,209,074	11,212,915,179
UNITED STATES	80,802,183	990,209	568,560,220
SOUTH AFRICA	3,746,424	100,211	34,413,466
MOZAMBIQUE	225,345	2,201	27,843,440
ZIMBABWE	247,336	5,466	10,166,259
JAMAICA	129,347	2,936	1,408,934
MALAWI	85,735	2,632	1,993,981
ESWATINI	70,144	1,395	509,424

#### **COVID-19 Community Levels**

#### **CRITERIA**

- 1. Number of new COVID cases
- 2. Number COVID hospital admissions
- 3. Percentage of hospital beds occupied by COVID patients

New Cases <sup>1</sup> (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days)	Indicator	Low	Medium	High
P	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) <sup>2</sup>	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) <sup>3</sup>	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
100,0 Percent beds in	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%



#### BEST COVID-19 PROTECTION PRACTICES

1. Your best protection is to be up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccine series.

1. Get tested often!

- 1. If you do not know the vaccination status of those in your environment and/or are in a crowded space, consider wearing a mask. A high-quality mask if tolerable (e.g. surgical, KN95, N95).
- 1. There are treatments for COVID-19 and options are increasing.

#### CONSIDER MAKING THE SAFEST CHOICES

1. If you have an immunocompromising condition or have a weakened immune system.

1. If you have any condition that makes it more likely you have a severe disease course.

1. If you live with or visit a person that has a condition that puts them at increased risk of a severe outcome if infected.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

#### SURVEY RESPONSES

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#### **Adults**

- Fully-Vaccinated: 91% (76%)
  - Fully-Vaccinated + Boosted: 64% (49.1%)

#### Youth (5-17)

• Fully-Vaccinated: 54% (42.5%)

#### **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (including youth 0-4)**

Fully-Vaccinated: 77% (66%)

### COVID-19 TESTING

#### IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED

- 1. Testing should be a priority!
- 2. Test before you go around people, especially those at increased risk for severe outcomes.
- 3. Test after you have been around people.
- 4. Your questions are important and relevant.
- 5. Seek answers from reliable sources beware of the internet and social media.
- 6. Your best protection is to be vaccinated.



#### When To Take an At-Home COVID-19 Test

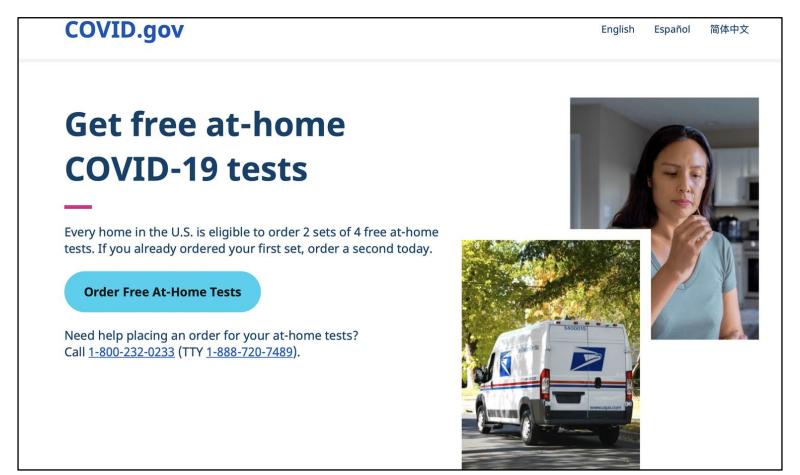
Test Yourself If	Timing	
You have any <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>	Immediately	
You were exposed to someone with COVID-19	At least 5 days after your exposure	
	If you test negative for COVID-19, consider testing again 1 to 2 days after your first test	
You are going to an indoor event or a gathering	Immediately before the gathering, or as close to the time of the event as possible	
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#### TOOLS TO FIND TESTING AND TREATMENT

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

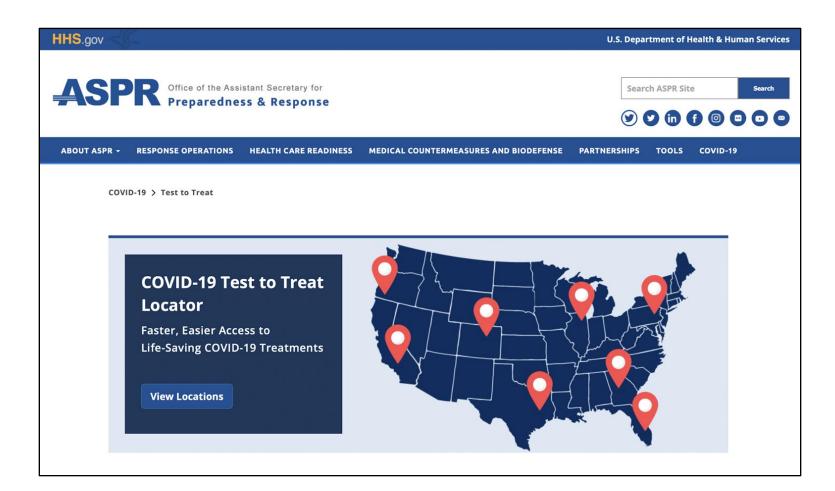
https://covid.gov/tests



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Test-to-Treat

https://aspr.hhs.gov/testtotreat/Pages/default.aspx



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COVID-19 Public Therapeutic Locator

https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8/data

