



# TRINITY COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – During the winter months many respiratory illnesses can circulate, making people sick. It can be challenging to determine whether or not the illness is due to COVID, the Flu, or a common cold as the symptoms can be similar. There is only one way to be sure that your symptoms are not due to COVID and that is to get tested.

Testing is broadly available in Trinity County. Testing can be obtained through SNAPNurse Vaccination and Testing Sites, all medical providers in Trinity County, over the counter tests, and Let's Get Checked Kits distributed through our TCPHB Mobile Unit. You can find more information about testing at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/>

We know that Omicron is currently the dominant variant circulating statewide and in Trinity County. The most effective way to defeat the impact of this virus in every aspect of our lives is to get vaccinated with a primary series and a booster dose.

#### What we know about COVID-19 Vaccines:

- The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are strongly recommended as safe and effective at preventing serious illness or death from COVID-19.
- From December 2020 to December 2021, about 470 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given in the U.S.
- Roughly 12 months of data, including data from tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials, show that the vaccines are safe and effective at preventing serious disease or death due to COVID-19.



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<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/is-the-covid19-vaccine-safe>

## **Vaccine Options:**

- The Pfizer-BioNTech (2 doses, 21 days apart), also known as Comirnaty ®, has been fully approved by the FDA for persons ages 16 and older.
- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for use in persons 5 - 15 years of age.
- The Moderna (2 doses, 28 days apart) vaccine has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for persons 18 years and older.
- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for persons 18 years and older; however, the CDC recommends the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines over the Johnson & Johnson vaccine when possible.

For more information on vaccine safety visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Get-the-Facts-on-Vaccines.aspx#Downloadable>

All Covid-19 vaccine doses for all persons 5 years of age and older can be obtained through any vaccine provider in Trinity County.

Please visit our Vaccine Clinic Calendar at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19-Testing-Calendar/> for SNAPNurse and TCPHB mobile vaccination sites or contact your healthcare provider or TCPHB COVID-line at 530-623-8235, if you are having difficulty accessing vaccination or testing.