



Mendocino County Public Health Department

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

Dr. Andrew Coren,
County Health Officer



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Public Notice: An infant in Mendocino County recently passed away with COVID-19. Our heartfelt condolences are with the family.

Death #135: Infant not eligible for vaccination.

Mendocino County Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren stated: "COVID-19 has become one of the top 3 leading causes of death in California over the last year¹. It affects people of all ages as we see with this tragedy and there has been an increase in children testing positive over the summer. "

"We do have the tools to decrease the risk of a bad infection. Getting a free vaccine/booster, as well as masking and social distancing in crowded areas, are still the best ways to prevent infections. As an Emergency Dept. doctor, I treat people with COVID every day. As soon as the updated booster is available, I'll be first in line," explained Dr. Charlie Evans, longtime ED doctor and Deputy Public Health Officer. "We want to protect as many people as possible."

If you have questions about vaccines or boosters, speak with your doctor, or call Public Health at 707-472-2759. Vaccines are available in most pharmacies, primary health care offices and Public Health. To find the nearest vaccine clinic in your area, please visit the Public Health website at: www.mendocinocounty.org/covidvaccine

1. [CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases](https://www.cdc.gov/ncez/immunization/rpd/index.html)