

San Francisco Health Service System Health Service Board

COVID-19 Update

November 10, 2022

SFHSS Specific Data — Vaccines & Boosters

Per the CDC, the definition of fully vaccinated does not include a booster. Completion of primary series depends on which vaccine you received. To check if you should receive additional boosters, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

Test Categories	Blue Shield of California as of 10/24	Health Net As of 10/13	Kaiser Permanente of California		UnitedHealthcare	
			Non-Medicare as of 10/23	Medicare as of 10/23	Non-Medicare as of 10/26	Medicare ^[1] as of 8/10
Primary Series Partial	1,288	19	602	57	508	— [2]
Primary Series Fully	28,847	295	47,176	13,257	768	14,711
Total	30,135	314	47,778	13,314	1,278	— [2]
1 st Booster	18,999	237	35,938	12,304	673	12,008
2 nd Booster	2,617	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available
3 rd Booster	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available

Total Members	35,572	375	53,771	13,963	3,200	17,512
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[1] UHC Medicare is counting the 2nd shot as a booster if the member received the J&J vaccine initially.

[2] UHC Medicare is no longer tracking "Partial", as these members are considered Unvaccinated.

SFHSS Specific Data — Hospitalizations

	Blue Shield of California	Health Net	Kaiser Permanente of California		UnitedHealthcare	
			Non-Medicare	Medicare	Non-Medicare	Medicare
Hospitalization Cases	190	0	176	Not Available	311	344
In ICU	Not Available	N/A	29	Not Available	11	73
w/ a Ventilator	Not Available	N/A	Not Available	Not Available	4	30
Total Members	35,572	375	24,745	13,795	3,200	17,512

Data is from March 2020 to October 2022

CDC recommends seeking treatment within 5 days of the onset of symptoms.

SFHSS Specific Data — COVID-19 Antiviral Treatments

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID and is at high risk for a serious case should immediately contact a health care provider and ask for one of the antiviral drug treatments available, which must be taken at the onset of COVID symptoms

Eligible individuals for treatment include:

- Tested positive for COVID
 - Unvaccinated or haven't had a booster shot
 - Pregnant women
 - People at least 65 years old
 - Anyone with a medical condition who are at high risk for serious illness
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- For more information contact your health care provider
 - Call the City's COVID resource center at 628-652-2700
 - Or visit <https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/> to find a location that offers the treatments

Source: "S.F. health officials turned away thousands of life-saving COVID pills, now plead with public to use them", sfchronicle.com, April 6, 2022

SFHSS Specific Data — COVID Home Test Kits Reimbursements

Blue Shield of California 2,722 Test kits dispensed	Health Net 22 Test kits dispensed	Kaiser Permanente of California Not available yet
UnitedHealthcare Non-Medicare Not available yet	UnitedHealthcare Medicare* 1,028 Test kits dispensed	

Data is from January 15 to October 2022.

*UHC Medicare – as of April 4, 2022, COVID Home Test Kits will be covered by Medicare, <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-covers-over-counter-covid-19-tests>

SFHSS Specific Data — COVID Home Test Kits (as of 10/30/2022)

On January 10, 2022, the Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Treasury Department released a series of FAQs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Part 51. This was in response to the Biden-Harris administration’s directive to issue guidance requiring group health care plans and insurers to provide coverage of over-the-counter, in-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

Beginning January 15th, until the end of the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency, individuals can get up to eight (8) over-the-counter tests each month. If you purchase a test kit that includes two tests, that will count as two of your eight covered tests.

For the most up-to-date information on coverage of COVID Home Test Kits, visit [SFHSS.org](https://www.sfhss.org) or your carrier website.

Carrier	Carrier Website for More Information on How to Submit for Reimbursement	Additional Notes
Blue Shield of California	https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsca/bsc/wcm/connect/sites/Sites_Content_EN/coronavirus/coverage-testing	No \$ cap on tests
Kaiser Permanente (Non-Medicare)	kp.org/coronavirus	Up to \$12 per test including shipping & sales tax
Kaiser Permanente (Medicare)	kp.org/coronavirus	Up to \$12 per test including shipping and sales tax
UnitedHealthCare (Non-Medicare)	myuhc.com	Up to 8 test available at no cost through myuhc.com — OptumRX Store
UnitedHealthCare (Medicare)	https://retiree.uhc.com/main/covid-19-update	Free at CMS participating pharmacies; member must provide red, white & blue Medicare card
Health Net	healthnet.com/COVID19	8 kits/30-day period available at no cost and/or reimbursement of \$12 dollars per test. Test kit with 2 test strips = \$12 X 2 = \$24