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## **COVID-19 Test-to-Treat Mobile Bus Ending**

**(Woodland, CA)** – The last day of services provided by the OptumServe COVID-19 test-to-treat mobile bus in Yolo County will be February 5, 2023. The bus will close at noon on February 5. State funding for the bus has been closed out as part of the planned ending of California’s COVID-19 State of Emergency on February 28.

Yolo County’s Health and Human Services Agency will continue to provide free COVID-19 antigen tests at numerous locations across Yolo County. Antigen tests are available at public libraries and at five outdoor vending machines. The vending machines are located in Davis (Mary L. Stephens Library, 315 E. 14th St), Esparto (Regional Library, 17065 Yolo Ave), West Sacramento (Community Center, 1075 W. Capitol Ave), Winters (City Hall, 318 1st St, and Woodland (La Superior Market, 34 W. Court St). Every household can also order four free antigen tests from the federal government at <http://www.covid.gov/tests>. Individuals with health insurance are eligible to receive eight free antigen tests each month through their insurance provider.

Safe and effective treatments for COVID-19 are available for persons who test positive for COVID-19 and have symptoms. Persons with symptoms are encouraged to contact a healthcare provider early on in their illness before symptoms become severe. Individuals without a regular healthcare provider or who aren’t able to reach their provider quickly can access free virtual COVID-19 telehealth services from [Sesame Care](https://www.sesamecare.org) online or by calling 833-686-5051. COVID-19 medications (Paxlovid or molnupiravir) are free and can either be mailed or picked up at a pharmacy.

“The closing of the test-to-treat mobile bus on February 5 does not mean the end of free testing or treatment resources in Yolo County,” said Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County’s Public Health Officer. “Free antigen tests are still widely available in County-run vending machines and at libraries, and free telehealth services are available through Sesame Care online or by phone to access free COVID treatments.”

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and the virus that causes COVID-19 continues to circulate. Residents are encouraged to maintain protection against COVID-19 by staying up-to-date with vaccination. Bivalent boosters are widely available at clinics and pharmacies in Yolo County. A single dose of a bivalent booster is recommended for everybody 5 years old and older if at least 2 months have passed since their last dose of a COVID vaccine. In addition, children between 6 months and 5 years old are eligible for a bivalent booster (Moderna) or bivalent third dose (Pfizer). Bivalent boosters are especially important for adults 65 and older, whose immunity fades most quickly.

In addition to vaccination and remaining up-to-date with boosters, Yolo County residents are encouraged to protect themselves and others against COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses like influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) by wearing a high-quality masks indoors, washing their hands regularly, and staying home when they are sick.

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