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### **Public Health Services to Continue Providing No-Cost COVID-19 Vaccines, At-Home Tests, & Treatment Options After Federal Emergency Ends**

San Joaquin County residents can continue to receive help with COVID-19 when the Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration ends on May 11, 2023. San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) will continue to provide residents with COVID-19 vaccines, at-home test kits, and test-to-treat services at no cost and regardless of insurance status.

The ending of the federal emergency declaration will bring some major changes to COVID-19 resource availability. Although vaccines will continue to be free for most Americans, COVID-19 tests and treatments will be harder to access, especially for people without health insurance.

PHS currently supports four low-barrier COVID-19 test-to-treat sites throughout the county. They include Delta Community College and Kennedy Community Center in Stockton, the Business Park in Lathrop, and Larch Clover Community Center in Tracy. Current addresses and hours can be found on the PHS COVID-19 Information site:  
<https://www.sjcphs.org/covid19/covid-19.aspx>.

Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 can consult with a health care provider at these sites and, if deemed appropriate, they can receive the prescription-only antiviral pills in one visit. Insurance information will be requested but no one will be turned away.

In addition, PHS has ensured that rapid at-home tests will still be freely available. Residents can pick up tests at any San Joaquin County Community Center, at PHS's WIC offices in Stockton and Manteca as well as at the main facility at 1601 E. Hazelton Avenue in Stockton.

“San Joaquin County is in a much better place with the COVID-19 pandemic than in years past, but the virus is still affecting our residents,” stated Dr. Maggie Park, Public Health Officer. “It is imperative that vaccines, testing, and treatment are easily accessible to everyone for as long as possible. We will continue to work with physicians and clinics to ensure they have access to their own vaccine supply and PHS will maintain its weekly Tuesday COVID-19 immunization clinic at our Hazelton office and the monthly Saturday Stockton WIC Clinic on Aurora Street.”

PHS will continue to offer these resources as long as its streams of supplies and funding are available. For more information on where to receive no-cost COVID-19 vaccines, at-home test kits, and test-to-treat services, please visit <https://www.sjcphs.org/covid19/covid-19.aspx>.

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