WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OMICRON

KNOWN

- Several cases have been detected throughout the U.S. including San Francisco, CA.
- The Omicron variant has many new mutations that impact the ability of immune systems to protect from infection.

UNKNOWN

- We do not know at this time if this new variant causes more severe COVID-19 illness than other variants or how it might impact response to treatment.

OMICRON FACT SHEET

CAN CURRENT COVID-19 TESTS DETECT THE OMICRON VARIANT?

- Yes, current understanding is that available PCR and antigen tests should detect this variant. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is currently confirming this information.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS

- The booster is appropriate for almost everyone ages 18 and older.
- Mobile and pop-up vaccine clinics are being held across Santa Clara County.

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- Vaccinations are provided at no cost
- Health insurance is not required
- Immigration status is not asked

MANY DOCTOR’S OFFICES AND PHARMACIES ARE ALSO PROVIDING COVID-19 BOOSTERS

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

- With the holiday travel season approaching, eligible students and family members are encouraged to receive their COVID-19 booster or vaccine as soon as possible. While community case rates in the County are currently flat, rates elsewhere in the state are steadily increasing and the initial vaccine protection is proving to decrease over time.