



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY  
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### Omicron BA.2 Sublineage Update: Clinical Implications for Providers in SLO County

Today, 36% of recent COVID-19 samples sequenced by the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department Laboratory were identified as the BA.2 sublineage of the Omicron variant. The California Department of Public Health is reporting that approximately 27.7% of recent COVID-19 samples sequenced on the West Coast have been identified as BA.2.

**The Public Health Department now recommends that providers of monoclonal antibodies consider the use of Bebtelovimab.** BA.2 has shown a 16-fold decrease in susceptibility to Sotrovimab, while Bebtelovimab has shown equally strong activity in vitro against both BA.1 and BA.2.

- FDA Fact Sheet for Sotrovimab: <http://www.fda.gov/media/149534/download>
- FDA Fact Sheet for Bebtelovimab: [www.fda.gov/media/156152/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download)

Paxlovid, Evusheld, and Veklury (remdesivir) remain effective against BA.2. As a reminder regarding the availability of these therapies:

- **Paxlovid** is in good supply at ten pharmacies across SLO County and through Community Health Centers of the Central Coast (CHC). See a list of pharmacies at [slopublichealth.org/treatments](http://slopublichealth.org/treatments).
- **Evusheld** is available by physician referral from Dr. Barry Eibschutz (805-781-0702); Dr. Thomas Spillane (805-543-5577); and Wilshire Health & Community Services (800-870-5920 or [ksievert@wilshirehcs.org](mailto:ksievert@wilshirehcs.org)).
- **Veklury (remdesivir)** is in adequate supply and may be ordered directly from the manufacturer. In addition to inpatient hospital settings, this medication may now be provided in skilled nursing facilities, home health settings and outpatient facilities. The Public Health Department is available to provide technical assistance to local providers who wish to begin administering this medication to outpatients.

Find updates at [SLOPublicHealth.org/COVID19](http://SLOPublicHealth.org/COVID19).

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