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**MERCED COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS REACH CAPACITY FOR THIS WEEK**

MERCED COUNTY, CA—Due to high demand from the community, all available appointments for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics (Jan. 20, 21, and 22) announced earlier today are now full.

Additional vaccination clinics will be made available as soon as the State provides Merced County with additional doses. Once details are available, they will be shared with the public immediately in an effort to get individuals vaccinated as quickly as possible. While vaccine doses are still in limited supply, Merced County is successfully advocating for greater quantities from the State.

Earlier today, Merced County launched a new website to inform the public of COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts and communicate with eligible individuals as it becomes available. The website, [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com), includes a “Vaccine Interest Survey” where users can answer a few short questions, determine their vaccination category (see attached chart), and sign up to be notified when they are eligible to be vaccinated.

While this week’s vaccination clinics (serving those in Phase 1A and seniors 65+) are full, users will still be able to use the [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) website to determine their category and sign up for notifications.

**Those wanting to be vaccinated are strongly encouraged to use [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) to receive important notifications regarding future vaccine availability and options.**

As a reminder, it is still a **local and statewide mandate** to wear a cloth face covering inside of, or in line to enter any indoor public space, or when unable to maintain six feet for social distancing. Merced County health officials strongly urge all residents to exercise the following safety measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- ✓ Practice social distancing
- ✓ Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol base when handwashing is not possible
- ✓ Stay home and isolate, if you are feeling sick

For more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines in Merced County: [www.countyofmerced.com/vaccines](http://www.countyofmerced.com/vaccines)

Follow us on social media for more updates:

- Facebook: Merced County Department of Public Health
  - Join Facebook Live Sessions, every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The next session is scheduled for January 28, 2021.
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