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**MERCED COUNTY ANNOUNCES TWO ADDITIONAL VACCINATION CLINICS FOR THIS WEEK**

MERCED COUNTY, CA—Following last week’s successful launch of four COVID-19 vaccination clinics, the Merced County Department of Public Health announced today that it will host two additional clinics this week. The clinics will be available on the east side and west side of the County.

To determine your eligibility and receive future vaccination notifications, please visit [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com). Anyone who doesn’t have access to a computer or internet can call the Public Health Information Line at 209-381-1180 starting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. on a first come, first served basis to request an appointment.

Eligible individuals who previously registered through the website will receive a notification email with appointment options, which will remain available until the schedule is full. Those who would like to receive a vaccination are strongly encouraged to sign up at [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) in order to be notified of future availability and appointment options. Vaccination appointments are prioritized based on State eligibility criteria and are handled in order submitted.

Eligible individuals are currently being vaccinated by appointment only in order to administer the vaccine orderly and effectively. Additional vaccination sites and options are planned as the vaccine becomes more widely available. Those currently eligible to receive the vaccine include all categories in Phase 1A along with individuals 65 years and older (see attached chart).

Last week, 1,392 individuals were successfully vaccinated at Public Health’s vaccination clinics in Los Banos and Merced. A total of 800 doses will be split between the two sites this week and additional allocations will be provided to eligible Merced County healthcare providers to administer. The State of California provided a smaller allocation of doses last week and County officials are currently advocating for a higher allocation of doses in coming weeks.

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.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com).

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.
- Instagram: @mercedcountypublichealth

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# COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution: Phases 1

As of January 13, 2021

The supply of COVID-19 vaccine is limited, which means that the vaccine will be offered to different groups of people in different phases, starting with our healthcare workers. As more vaccines become available, it will be offered to everyone. Below is a list of groups that will be offered the vaccine in phases, according to their risk of exposure.

- Key:**
- Green circle indicates that the group has been offered the vaccine.
  - Yellow circle indicates that the group is waiting to be offered the vaccine.
  - Red circle indicates that the vaccine is not yet available at this time.

## Phase 1A

### Tier 1:

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Residents in long-term care settings
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

### Tier 2:

- Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care
- Home health care and in-home supportive services
- Public Health field staff
- Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics
- Community health workers, including promotoras

### Tier 3:

- Specialty clinics (i.e. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient, surgery, physical therapy, etc.)
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers
- Veterinarians

## Phase 1B

### Tier 1:

- **Persons 65 years and older**
- **Frontline Essential Workers**  
Sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture

### Tier 2:

- **Frontline Essential Workers**  
Sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing
- **Congregate settings with outbreak risk**  
Incarcerated  
Homeless

## Phase 1C

- **Persons 50-64 years old**
- **Persons 16-49 years old with high risk health conditions**

- **Other essential workers**  
Water and Wastewater  
Chemical and Hazardous Materials  
Finance Services  
IT and Communication

- Government Operations / Community-Based Essential Functions
- Defense
- Energy

- Other groups not included may be added to a comparable phase.

These proposed allocations are based on recommendations by the CDC and ACIP

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# Distribución de la vacuna contra COVID-19: Fase 1

## Apartir de 13 de enero 2021

La provisión de la vacuna del COVID-19 es limitada, lo que significa que la vacuna se ofrecerá a diferentes grupos de personas en diferentes fases, comenzando por nuestros trabajadores de la salud. A medida que haya más vacunas disponibles, se ofrecerá a todos. A continuación se mostrara una lista de grupos a los cuales se les ofrecerá la vacuna en fases, de acuerdo con su riesgo de exposición.

- Clave:**
- El círculo verde indica que al grupo se le ha ofrecido la vacuna.
  - El círculo amarillo indica que el grupo está esperando que le ofrezcan la vacuna.
  - El círculo rojo indica que la vacuna aún no está disponible para el grupo.

### Fase 1A

#### Nivel 1:

- Hospitales de cuidados intensivos, psiquiátricos y correccionales
- Centros de enfermería especializada, centros de vida asistida y entornos similares para personas mayores o médicamente vulnerables
- Residentes cuidados de largo plazo
- Paramédicos, técnicos de emergencias médicas y otras personas que brindan servicios médicos de emergencia
- Centros de diálisis

#### Nivel 2:

- Centros de atención intermedia para personas que necesitan supervisión de enfermería y cuidados de apoyo no continuos
- Atención médica domiciliaria y servicios de apoyo en el hogar
- Personal de salud pública
- Clínicas de atención primaria, incluidos centros de salud calificados a nivel federal, centros de salud rurales, clínicas de establecimientos correccionales y clínicas de atención de urgencia
- Trabajadores de salud comunitarios, incluidas las promotoras

#### Nivel 3:

- Clínicas especializadas (por ejemplo, optometría, cardiología, neurología, ambulatorio, cirugía, fisioterapia, etc.)
- Trabajadores de laboratorio
- Clínicas de salud dental
- Personal de la farmacia no incluidos/as en los niveles anteriores
- Veterinarios

### Fase 1B

#### Nivel 1:

- **Personas de 65 años o mayores**
- **Trabajadores esenciales de primera línea**  
Sectores: educación, cuidado de niños/as, servicios de emergencia y alimentación y agricultura

#### Nivel 2:

- **Trabajadores esenciales de primera línea**  
Sectores: transporte y logística; instalaciones y servicios industriales, comerciales, residenciales y de refugio; fabricación crítica
- **Lugares de congregación con riesgo de brotes**  
Personas que están encarcelados/as  
Personas sin hogar

### Fase 1C

- **Individuos de 50-64 años**
- **Personas de 16 a 64 años con condiciones de salud de alto riesgo**
- **Otros trabajadores esenciales**
  - Agua y aguas residuales
  - Materiales químicos y peligrosos
  - Servicios financieros
  - Informática y comunicación
  - Operaciones gubernamentales / Funciones esenciales basadas en la comunidad
  - Defensa
  - Energía

● Otros grupos no incluidos pueden agregarse a una fase comparable.

Estas propuestas se basan en recomendaciones de los CDC y ACIP

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