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### **MERCED COLLEGE TO HOST TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS NEXT WEEK**

Following a successful rollout of COVID-19 vaccination clinics this week, Merced County will host two additional clinics next week at Merced College.

Dignity Health-Mercy Medical Center, University of California Health, UC Merced, Merced College, City of Merced, and other health practitioners and volunteers have partnered with the County to facilitate these clinics. These vaccine doses were made available through Dignity Health and University of California Health.

- When: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m. – 6pm; Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Where: Merced College - Main Campus Gymnasium, 3600 M Street, Merced CA 95348

These clinics (by appointment only) are open to anyone 65 years or older or in Phase 1A of the County's vaccine distribution plan, regardless of insurance, ability to pay or legal status. The age requirements are in accordance with the County's phased eligibility tiers. There are enough vaccines to inoculate 1,170 people. The goal of these clinics is to reach Merced's most vulnerable populations to ensure they receive timely access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Those vaccinated at next week's clinics at Merced College will be immediately scheduled for their second dose appointment onsite. The second doses are expected to be scheduled for March 9 (for those who received their first dose Feb. 16) and March 10 (for those who received their first dose on Feb. 17).

The public is encouraged to visit [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) to determine their eligibility and receive vaccination notifications to register for available appointments. Those who don't have internet access can call the Merced County Public Health Information Line at 209-381-1180 for assistance (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Monday to Friday).

Clinic details, how to register and what to bring:

- Individuals **MUST** be registered online or by phone to reserve an appointment - there will be **NO WALK-UP** appointments.
- 1,170 doses will be provided at these clinics and appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis, prioritizing previously registered individuals.
- Those who receive vaccinations will be registered for their second follow-up dose at the time they are vaccinated.
- Each person registered **MUST** bring some form of identification to verify their age and/or phase **AND** a copy of their appointment confirmation that was emailed.
- On-site parking is available (this is not a drive-through clinic).
- Masks are required.
- Participants should arrive 10 minutes prior to their appointment time to check in and allow for 15-30 minutes following the vaccination to be observed for any potential adverse reactions.
- In an effort to reduce the volume of people at the clinic, we ask that only the individual getting vaccinated plus one other person attend.

Additional information about upcoming vaccination clinics will be shared as it becomes available from the County. If you have questions about these clinics, please visit [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) or call the Merced County Public Health Information Line at 209-381-1180 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Monday to Friday).

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