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### **MERCED COUNTY LAUNCHES 'VACCINE FINDER' TOOL**

MERCED—Merced County launched a “Vaccine Finder” tool today in an effort to better connect residents with COVID-19 vaccine options.

The new tool takes the form of an interactive map where users can search for available vaccination clinics in their area by using filters to narrow results by:

- Community
- Appointment vs. walk-in
- Insurance requirements

The Merced County Vaccine Finder is located at [finder.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://finder.vaccinatemercedcounty.com). The Vaccine Finder is updated periodically to ensure all public vaccination clinics are included. Clinics listed on this map are open to the general public. Other providers are vaccinating their patient populations. Please contact your primary care provider for vaccine availability first.

“The Board of Supervisors are continuously working with staff to make it as easy as possible to receive vaccines in Merced County,” said Chairman Daron McDaniel of the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to this new tool, residents are still encouraged to sign up at [www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com](http://www.vaccinatemercedcounty.com) in order to be notified of future availability and appointment options. Anyone who doesn't have access to a computer or internet can call the Public Health Information Line at 209-381-1180 to request an available appointment.

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, even those that have been vaccinated, 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).

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