Health Update

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COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Redistribution

The California COVID-19 vaccination phased allocation plan uses a phased and tiered system prioritizing risk of exposure and consequences of transmission. California is currently in Phase 1a of the plan. Phase 1a has 3 tiers and allocates vaccine for health care workers. A table outlining the California phased allocation plan is available on the Monterey County Health Department COVID-19 vaccine website (https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccines). Information on the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses allocated to Monterey County is also included. Agencies that have received vaccine may progress (at their discretion) through Phase 1a Tiers I, II, and III at this time.

As more vaccine becomes available, we hope to enter into Phase 1b which prioritizes high risk patients and frontline essential workers. This can only be successful through expanding vaccine administration in partnership with community health care providers. Providers that wish to receive vaccine for distribution to health care workers and ultimately patients can register to receive vaccine by enrolling in the CDPH vaccine program called COVIDReadi:

a. Providers should first read the instructions for enrolling found at: https://eziz.org/assets/other/IMM-1295.pdf.
   i. Providers must be enrolled in the statewide immunization system, CAIR2, before starting this process. The application will require your CAIR2 provider ID. http://cairweb.org/enroll-now/.

b. Then, follow the step-by-step directions found at: https://eziz.org/assets/other/IMM-1303.pdf.

c. Once your application has been approved by CDPH and your practice falls into a tier currently being vaccinated (see table below), primary care practices and urgent care centers can request and may be approved to receive COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate individuals in their respective tier.
Medical providers who need assistance in registering for COVIDReadi or have additional questions may call 831-755-4521. Due to the high volume of calls being received, Health Department staff will return your call as soon as possible.

The Monterey County Health Department, in partnership with health care facilities and other agencies, is organizing vaccine clinics for Phase 1a health care workers who do not have the opportunity to be vaccinated at their worksite. Health care agencies seeking vaccination opportunities for themselves and their health care workers at these clinics can indicate their interest at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qsBxyiq7EOMMAVrYO10FMw4msASr5Ct5BLe66TX99URDFONldOWFVOMVY3QTAtMVJMM1BZRFVPNC4u. Please submit one request per health care agency only. Health Department staff will coordinate with the indicated agency lead.

This link is for health care agencies only at this time. Monterey County Health Department will have an option for businesses and the public in the near future. Public callers with vaccine questions may be directed to 831-769-8700 or COVID19HealthCallCenter@co.monterey.ca.us in the interim.

Additional Resources
- Monterey County COVID-19 website: www.montereycountycovid19.org
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Website: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html
- CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Website: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19Vaccine.aspx