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PRESS RELEASE **Vaccine Availability in Sierra County**

Sierra County Public Health has received concerns regarding availability of vaccine and vaccination timelines.

Sierra County receives vaccine from the State. Public Health has been receiving approximately one hundred doses per week. Three hundred people will have been vaccinated in Sierra County by tomorrow January 21, 2021. More than five hundred residents have been added to the vaccination waiting list; the list continues to grow.

At the current rate we are receiving vaccine, the State restrictions on allocation and the number of residents on the list for the vaccination who do not qualify for phased allocation, it may be several months before many residents have the opportunity to receive their first vaccination from Sierra County Public Health.

Be patient. Vaccine phases and tiers are **not** administered on the same schedule in different States, Counties or Jurisdictions. Vaccine administration is based not only on the amount of vaccine on hand but is also based on the number of residents in the phase and tier being served.

Once your phase and tier is being served you will be randomly selected from that phase and tier to schedule an appointment. You will be contacted by the method you requested at the time you are added to the waiting list. If you have already been added to the waiting list calling everyday will simply make the process longer for everyone. We are a very small department serving all county residents during this pandemic.

We are working as quickly as we can to deliver vaccine to our residents according to the mandated guidelines.

For more information, please go to: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/COVID-19>
Email: COVID19@sierracounty.ca.gov

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COVID-19

Current Vaccine Priority Schedule



Phase 1a

Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in direct health care or long term care.

VACCINATING NOW:

TIER 1

- Acute Care
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- First Responders (paramedic, EMT)
- Behavioral Health

VACCINATING NOW:

TIER 2

- Home Health and IHSS
- Public Health
- Community Health Workers
- Primary Care and Community Clinics

VACCINATING NOW:

TIER 3

- Laboratory Workers
- Dental/Oral Health Clinics

VACCINATING NOW:

PHASE 1b

Tier 1

***Due to limited vaccine individuals listed in 1 and 2 will be prioritized.**

1. Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture
2. Individuals 75 and older
3. Individuals 65 and older

For more information please visit: covid19.ca.gov