COVID-19 Vaccine: California Eligibility & Verification

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TOPICS TODAY

- Eligibility
- Verification
- Vaccine Access
ELIGIBILITY: TWO CATEGORIES

• Health Conditions Group
• High-Risk Disability Group

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Provider-Bulletin-2-12-21.aspx
HEALTH CONDITIONS GROUP

Individuals who are “at the very highest risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 as a direct result” of one or more listed “severe health conditions” …

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HEALTH CONDITIONS GROUP (continued) – Severe Health Conditions

• Cancer, current with debilitated or immunocompromised state
• Chronic kidney disease, stage 4 or above
• Chronic pulmonary disease, oxygen dependent
• Down syndrome
• Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant

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HEALTH CONDITIONS GROUP (continued) – Severe Health Conditions

• Pregnancy
• Sickle cell disease
• Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (excludes hypertension)
• Severe obesity (Body Mass Index 40 kg/m2)
• Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

CDPH: This list may change.
HIGH-RISK DISABILITY GROUP

People with “developmental or other severe high-risk disability” who are at risk of adverse outcomes, which are listed ...
HIGH-RISK DISABILITY GROUP (continued) – Adverse Outcomes

• Likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection

• Acquiring COVID-19 would limit ability to receive care or services vital to well-being and survival

• Providing adequate and timely COVID care would be particularly challenging due to disability
HIGH-RISK DISABILITY GROUP (continued) – Adverse Outcomes – Possible Examples

• Developmental or intellectual disabilities, schizophrenia

• Regional Center, IHSS, other HCBS, paid or unpaid in-home caregiving

• People who are nonverbal, who need a supporter in the hospital, who have trouble following medical instructions, who use a CPAP or BiPAP
HIGH-RISK DISABILITY GROUP (continued) – Certain Adverse Outcomes – Possible Examples

• A person with a significant disability that places them at high risk, even if the disability is not specifically listed or studied yet

• A person with multiple pre-existing conditions that in combination put them at high risk
ELIGIBILITY: WHEN?

- California: March 15, 2021 statewide
- FEMA-supported programs: some differences
- More later on actual access ...
VERIFICATION

• March 11, 2021 CDPH Factsheet:

Will I need to verify I have a high-risk medical condition or disability when I go to my appointment?

To protect confidentiality, verification documentation of the diagnosis or type of disability is not required but instead anyone meeting the eligibility requirements will be asked to sign a self-attestation that they meet the criteria for high-risk medical conditions or disabilities.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/vaccine-high-risk-factsheet.aspx
VERIFICATION

• State-organized template letters
  • CDDS – Regional Center Clients
  • Possible additional templates?
    • CDSS – IHSS Consumers
    • ILCs – ILC Clients
    • DMHC – managed health care insurers

• Local approaches
  • Long Beach
  • Alameda County
  • San Francisco
VACCINE ACCESS

• Eligibility + Self Attestation + Verification ≠ Automatic Access to Vaccine
How Do I Get My Shot?

• Health Care Providers
• Pharmacies (appointments, walk-in, & waitlist)
• Community Pop Ups (walk up or appointment)
• Community Organizations
• MyTurn.CA.Gov (with or without a code)
  • COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 (1-833-4CA-4ALL)
• Local Health Department website
Prioritize Efforts Based on Your Needs

- **MyTurn.CA.Gov**: Potential access problems
- Vaccine Site Specifics: All should be ADA-compliant.
  - Crowds, police or national guard presence, medicalized settings, long lines, standing, transportation
VACCINE ACCESS

- Things May Be Different “On the Ground”
- Report if You Encounter Problems
Fat Fact Sheet Coming!

• Fat Legal Advocacy, Rights, & Education Project

• Vaccine and Fat People
  • Eligibility
  • Access Considerations

• Intersections and Relationships between Fat and Disability Communities Related to Vaccine Access

• Verification
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COVID-19 Vaccines Disability Community Advocacy and Information Toolkit
Link: http://tinyurl.com/donetworkc19toolkit
QUESTION AND ANSWERS