A Vaccine Update with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Info, Resources, and Advocacy

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Questions & Answers

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Updates around COVID-19 Vaccinations – The Big Picture

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Including Information Provided by the CA Community Vaccine Advisory Committee
COVID Cases: March 2020 – 3/16/21

*3/19: Statewide Stay-At-Home Order
**6/18: Statewide Mask Order
***7/13: Statewide Re-Closure of Bars
****11/16: Emergency Brake
*****11/19: Limited SAHO
# peak1: 60,073 cases (2021-01-04); ## peak2: 58,979 cases (2020-12-29);
****** 12/3 regional stay at home order
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Community Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC)

- CA Dept of Public Health
  - Scientific Safety Review Workgroup
  - Drafting Guidelines Workgroup
  - Community Vaccine Advisory Committee

- Focused on safety, transparency, and equity of vaccine and distribution

- 70 members
  - 5 representing disability and aging advocates
How the Vaccines Work

- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use a genetic code to stimulate the immune response against COVID-19

- Sequence designed on a computer
  - No cells used in creation

- No live, attenuated, or inactive virus
- Not protein based
- Not a DNA vaccine
New-- Johnson & Johnson Janssen Vaccine

Like Pfizer and Moderna, the J&J vaccine is highly effective against preventing death and severe COVID.

The new vaccine is just one dose and easier to transport and store, so it’s an important tool for helping to end the pandemic.

Uses adenovirus— a modified virus that can’t make copies of itself, but teaches your body how to destroy coronavirus.

The best vaccine is the one you can get!
More About the Vaccine

• Pfizer and Moderna need 2 doses for full immunity
  ◦ 21-28 days apart

• J&J need 1 dose for full immunity
Vaccine Availability

As of March 14, 2021:

Doses Delivered to CA: 15,702,230
  • Receive about 800,000 1st doses per week

Doses Administered: 12,172,948
  • Average 194,377 doses per day
  • 2,182,300 of those are pharmacy doses
How Do I Get a Vaccine?

- Your Health Care Provider
- **Pharmacies**
- Your local County Health Department
- Pop-Up Clinics (CBOs, Faith Communities, etc.)
- [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov) / 1-833-422-4255

Vaccinate ALL 58: Great newsletter to stay informed. To sign up, email [VA58@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:VA58@cdph.ca.gov)
Who Can Get Vaccinated?

- **Eligible groups**
  - Health care workers
  - Long term care and skilled nursing facility residents
  - Californians 65 years and older
  - Food and agriculture
  - Childcare and education
  - Emergency responders

- **New:**
  - Those in high-risk congregate living spaces
  - Certain public transit workers

- As of **March 15**, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals aged 16-64 who are deemed to be at the very highest risk to get very sick from COVID-19:
  - Severe health conditions
  - Disabilities or illness
New Eligibility as of March 15! (1 of 2)

- **Cancer**, current with weakened immune system
- **Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above
- **Chronic pulmonary disease**, oxygen dependent
- **Down syndrome**
- **Solid organ transplant**, leading to a weakened immune system
- **Pregnancy**
- **Sickle cell disease**
- **Heart conditions**, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (but not hypertension)
- **Severe obesity** (Body Mass Index $\geq 40$ kg/m$^2$)
- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus** with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%
New Eligibility as of March 15! (2 of 2)

OR If as a result of a developmental or other severe high-risk disability one or more of the following applies:

- The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection
- Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual’s ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival
- Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual’s disability.
How do People with High-Risk Conditions or Disabilities Get a Vaccine?

Any of the 4 ways mentioned earlier, or:

**COVID-19 Hotline** at 1-833-422-4255 or 1-833-4CA-4ALL (M-F 8AM-8PM, Sa-Su 8AM-5PM).

You will be asked to state that you have a high-risk medical condition or disability, either to book an available appointment or to register for notice of future appointments made available as supply increases. You will be able to request an accommodation at your vaccine site through MyTurn.
More about Eligibility Verification…

Verification documentation of the diagnosis or type of disability is not required but 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.

Self-attestation: A statement / form stating eligibility completed by the applicant, themselves.
Eligibility v. Availability

As of March 15, 2021:

How many people are eligible?

- 4.4 Million in High-Risk/Disability on March 15
- 16-18 million Californians Total
- 40-45% of the State

We need 32-36 million doses
We have 15.7 million doses

Supply less than $\frac{1}{2}$ to meet eligibility
Scarcity: Setting Priorities

- Currently there is not enough supply to immunize all persons who are willing to accept the vaccine.

- California is crafting a fair, equitable, evidence-based, and transparent policy to prioritize those who should be offered the vaccine initially until the capacity to manufacture and administer the vaccine increases.
Access Matters!

- You do not have to have insurance to get vaccinated.
- You won’t pay anything to be vaccinated.
- Your documentation status does not matter—get your vaccination.
- Self-attestation in CA.
What We Continue to Do

• Keep people with disabilities informed.

• Advocate with and for people with disabilities when we serve on county and statewide vaccine advisory committees.

• Come up with and share good ideas about how to best serve people with disabilities during the pandemic.

• Help troubleshoot when there are issues or challenges on local or statewide level.

• Focus on **access, equity, and options** for people with IDD and other disabilities.
Advocacy, Rights, Lived-Experience

• Grassroots Advocacy has Made a Difference.
• Know your Rights.
• Acknowledging & Fighting Stigma.
• The Power of Lived-Experience.
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