

ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

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## Who can get vaccinated in Alameda County right now?

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA** – Governor Newsom announced yesterday that the state is prioritizing individuals 65 and older to receive the vaccine as demand subsides among health care workers. The Governor also said those in Phase 1a – health care workers and long-term care residents – remain the highest priority to receive vaccines.

As demand for the vaccine continues to exceed supply, Alameda County is balancing shifting priorities We are continuing to vaccinate health care workers eligible for Phase 1a and anticipate starting Phase 1b in the coming weeks. We have more hospitals and health care facilities than surrounding Bay Area counties, and our estimated population for Phase 1a exceeds 145,000 people.

Phase 1b will expand vaccine eligibility to large groups of people, and we are working across multiple partners and sectors to update and prepare for mass vaccination scenarios. We are committed to safe and equitable vaccine distribution, and our strategy is to make vaccine readily and easily available through County-administered points of dispensing (PODs) and partnership with health care systems and community clinics/organizations.

For those who are age 65 and older and are interested in getting vaccinated, we encourage you to please reach out to your health care provider to see if they have vaccine available at this time. Otherwise, we anticipate being able to start vaccinating this group in the coming weeks.

The pandemic is not over, and everyone—including those who have been vaccinated—should continue to practice COVID-19 prevention measures such as staying home as much as possible, wearing a face covering, and practicing physical distancing.

Vaccination brings great promise, and we appreciate the enthusiasm and interest among many residents and employers. When there is enough vaccine to expand vaccination options, Alameda County will share that information widely, along with information on when and how eligible groups can get vaccinated.

- **To receive a notification of when vaccine might be available for you**, please complete one of the applicable forms available here: <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines</u>
- To learn about local planning, visit <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines#localplanning</u>
- To learn about the Alameda County **Community Advisory Group**, visit <u>https://covid-19.acgov.org/community-advisory-group</u>

