Alameda County COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

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CASES & DEATHS

By Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Age Group, Jurisdiction, and Over Time Mobile version



Notes and disclaimers: The City of Berkeley and Alameda County (minus Berkeley) are separate local health jurisdictions (LHJs). We are showing data for each separately and together. The numbers for the Alameda County LHJ and the Berkeley LHJ come from the state's communicable disease tracking database, CalREDIE. These data are updated daily, with cases sometimes reassigned to other LHJs and sometimes changed from a suspected to a confirmed case, so counts for a particular date in the past may change as information is updated in CalREDIE. Case dates reflect the date created in CalREDIE. The time lag between the date of death and the date of entry into CalREDIE has sometimes been one week; the date of death is what is reflected here, and so death counts

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How will vaccine(s) change the pandemic?

Vaccine could potentially:

- Reduce number of people with COVID-19
- Reduce severity of disease
- Reduce hospitalizations
- Reduce deaths
- Shorten the length of the pandemic

Beyond safety and efficacy, vaccines work best with broad uptake

- We're only at the beginning
- Masks, physical distancing, and other mitigation measures will be needed well into 2021



Alameda County COVAX Values & Principles

- Transparent and accurate information to help Alameda County residents make vaccine decisions
- Lead with equity and data
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Geography
 - Socioeconomic factors
 - Critical populations
- Leverage all venues & partners for broad distribution
 - Hospitals
 - Clinics
 - Private practice
 - Pharmacies
 - Community based Points of Distribution (PODs)



Local Plan: How is Alameda County preparing for the vaccine?

https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines



Multidisciplinary COVax Team has 3 focus areas:

- 1. Community Advisory Group
 - Equity lens
 - Engage and inform residents and community partners
 - Seeking input on vaccine prioritization, trust building, messaging

2. Health Care Delivery System

- Coordinating clinical providers (hospitals, community clinics, private practice) to ensure broad access
- Collaborative process to support countywide prioritization and equity strategies

3. Immunization Logistics

- Liaison to State's Immunization team
- Monitoring cold chain and capacity
- Planning community-based Points of Distribution (PODs) during mass vaccination phase
- Ongoing data and progress monitoring
- Communications, Data, & Health Equity teams in close partnership with COVax team
 Coordination with cities in all three focus areas





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COVax Community Advisory Group

Goals:

- Share evolving information and plans with community
- Receive input on equitable vaccine distribution and prioritization
- Build collective trust and strategies to promote uptake
- Coordinate on messaging and managing misinformation

Process:

- Anticipated launch in mid-late December, regular meetings thereafter
- Seeking representation from a diverse cross-section of residents, community serving orgs, vaccine experts, and highly impacted communities
- Integrated across COVID-19 response, existing community tables, and outreach/education contracts



Vaccine Prioritization Framework

- CA adopting & refining federal recommendations for a phased approach
- Movement through phases will depend on vaccine supply and demand
- Local health depts. have minimal discretion over prioritization within each phase

| Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 | Phase 4 |
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| Phase 1a "Jumpstart Phase" High-risk health workers First responders Phase 1b People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at <i>significantly</i> higher risk Older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings | K-12 teachers and school staff and child care workers Critical workers in high-risk settings—workers who are in industries essential to the functioning of society and at substantially higher risk of exposure People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at <i>moderately</i> higher risk People in homeless shelters or group homes for individuals with disabilities, including serious mental illness, developmental and intellectual disabilities, and physical | Young adults Children Workers in industries and accurations | • Everyone residing in the United States who did not have access to the vaccine in previous |
| | disabilities or in recovery, and staff who work in such settings People in prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities, and staff who work in such settings All older adults not included in Phase 1 | | |

Equity is a crosscutting consideration:

In each population group, vaccine access should be prioritized for geographic areas identified through CDC's Social Vulnerability Index or another more specific index.



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Headlines:

- Alameda County will be receiving 13,650 doses of the Pfizer vaccine on 12/17 or 18.
- There is adequate ultralow freezer space at the PH lab and a back up freezer available at Sandia lab for all the Pfizer vaccine anticipated in December.
- We will be allocating initial doses of vaccine to acute hospitals.
- First doses will be offered to highest and high risk acute hospital workers.
- Residents and staff of RCFEs are the other 1a priority group. We have successfully assisted all RCFEs in the County to register in the Federal program to receive vaccine directly via Walgreens and CVS. We are told that program will begin this month. If there is a delay, RCFEs in the highest risk neighborhoods will be our next priority group.





Roll Out of Pfizer Vax in Great Britain: Two cases of Anaphylaxis

- Two NHS workers w h/o anaphylaxis, both carrying an epi-pen, had anaphylactoid reactions "shortly after" receiving dose. Both recovered.
- H/o anaphylaxis was a trial exclusion, but not an exclusion of the rollout
- Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA—British version of FDA) said at the start that injections should be given where resuscitation measures are available.
- MHRA has now added a recommendation that people w a h/o anaphylaxis should delay receiving the vaccine until these cases are understood.
- FDA panel is meeting tomorrow they will be considering this info.



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Give the gift of health for the holidays

- Avoid gatherings
- Keep it short (less than 2 hours)
- Keep it small, keep it outdoors
- Don't share food and drink
- Stay home if you're at high risk

Avoid non-essential travel

- If you must travel, use face coverings, distancing, and hand hygiene for safety
- If you travel, avoid crowds and unventilated spaces where people are not masked



Questions



