Californians have made extraordinary sacrifices to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Help is on the way as the state begins its rollout of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Now the work begins to Vaccinate All 58. Together, we can end the pandemic – in all of California’s 58 counties.

The Johnson and Johnson Vaccine is Here

- The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for California is here — it is safe and effective.

- California is now receiving shipments of COVID-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech, Johnson and Johnson, and Moderna. Health care workers and residents in long-term care will be the first to be vaccinated.

- Like all vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available at no cost.

The COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe and Effective

- California has its own Scientific Safety Review Workgroup comprised of immunization, public health, academic and other experts who are vetting vaccine safety.

- The Scientific Safety Review Workgroup has confirmed that the Pfizer-BioNTech, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines have met high standards for safety and efficacy.

About the Vaccines

- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is approved for those 16 years and older, consists of two doses given 21 days apart, and is 95 percent effective against COVID-19.

- The Moderna vaccine is approved for those 18 years and older, consists of two doses given 28 days apart, and is 94 percent effective against COVID-19.

- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is approved for those 18 years and older. It is a single dose vaccine.

- Sometimes vaccination can cause a sore arm, aches, fatigue or fever for a few days after getting the vaccine, but these are not harmful.

- Vaccinated individuals should keep wearing masks, washing hands and watching their distance until the vaccine has been widely distributed.

Remember, your actions continue to save lives. Wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and when it’s your turn, get vaccinated.

For the latest facts, please visit covid19.ca.gov/vaccines.