

Know the Facts



Vaccinate ALL 58

Together we can end the pandemic.

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.

COVID-19 Vaccine is Here

- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine for California is here – it is safe and effective.
- ▶ California is receiving its first shipments of COVID-19 vaccine produced by Pfizer-BioNTech the week of December 14, 2020. Health care workers and residents in long-term care will be the first to be vaccinated.
- ▶ California is working closely with community partners and stakeholders to help guide the planning process and ensure the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably.
- ▶ California is committed to a fair and equitable allocation and distribution process. No one should bypass the established vaccine allocation and distribution process.
- ▶ Individuals with the highest risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19 will receive vaccines first, but later in 2021, most Californians will have an opportunity to get vaccinated.
- ▶ Vaccines are available at no cost.

COVID-19 Vaccine is 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 vaccine has met high standards for safety and efficacy.
- ▶ Two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine given 21 days apart are 95 percent effective against COVID-19.
- ▶ Sometimes vaccination can cause a sore arm, aches, fatigue or fever for a few days after taking 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.