

Monterey County COVID-19

Community Newsletter



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Why is it Taking So Long to Get Vaccinations?

While the vaccine roll out has begun, it is slow. Everyone wants to know when it will be their turn to receive a dose.

Right now we know who is in the various levels to be vaccinated, but there is no timeline for when they can expect a shot. Here is why: while Monterey County has requested vaccine, we don't know exactly how much we will received in each allocation, when it will arrive or where it will go, such as to hospitals, pharmacies or the county itself.

While vaccine distribution is not in our control, please be assured that when vaccine does arrive, it is administered as we have seen at our hospitals, EMTs, paramedics and more.

Right now, Monterey County is vaccinating Phase 1a, Tier 1. What should the rest of us do while we wait? Stay informed.

- ****New**** Watch this coming week for an announcement from the Monterey County Health Department about a new portal that will let you submit contact information to be notified when your tier is in line for vaccinations.
- Monitor the [California COVID-19 Vaccine Plan](#).
- Check the status of vaccinations locally and get detailed information about tier groups and any changes that may affect you [on the Monterey County Health Department Vaccine Information webpage](#).
- Until your tier is ready, continue to take all COVID safety precautions including getting tested if needed.

COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule



**COUNTY OF MONTEREY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

*Together we can
end the pandemic.*

PHASE 1a

Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care setting.

Vaccinating NOW Tier 1

- ☒ Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals.
- ☒ Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals.
- ☒ Residents in long-term care settings.
- ☒ Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services.
- ☒ Dialysis centers.

Vaccinating NEXT Tier 2

- ☐ Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care.
- ☐ Home health care and in-home supportive services.
- ☐ Community health workers, including promotoras.
- ☐ Public health field staff.
- ☐ Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics.

Vaccinating NEXT Tier 3

- ☐ Specialty clinics (i.e. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient surgery, physical therapy, etc.)
- ☐ Laboratory workers.
- ☐ Dental and other oral health clinics.
- ☐ Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers.

* Proposed strategies may change due to vaccine availability and ACIP, CDPH guidance.

PHASE 1b

- ☐ Persons aged 75 years and older.
- ☐ Frontline essential workers.

PHASE 1c

- ☐ Persons aged 65 to 74 years.
- ☐ Persons aged 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical condition
- ☐ Other essential workers

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NEED OF
HOUSING TO
QUARANTINE**

DUE TO TESTING POSITIVE
FOR COVID-19



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