COVID-19 Community News

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## Why is it Taking So Long to Get Vaccinations?

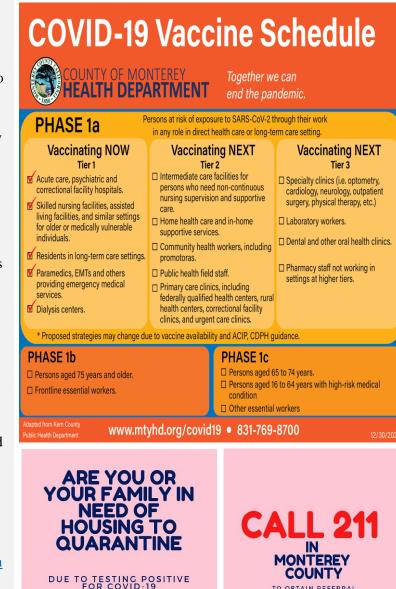
While the vaccine roll out has begun, it is slow. Everyone wants to know when it will be their turn to receive a dose.

Right now we know <u>who</u> is in the various levels to be vaccinated, but there is no timeline for <u>when</u> 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? <u>Stay informed</u>.

- \*\*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 <u>California COVID-19 Vaccine</u> <u>Plan</u>,
- Check the status of vaccinations locally and get detailed information about tier groups and any changes that may affect you <u>on the Monterey</u> <u>County Health Department Vaccine Information</u> <u>webpage</u>.
- Until your tier is ready, continue to take all COVID safety precautions including getting tested if needed.



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