

COVID-19 Vaccines Distribution



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Current Facts

- San Joaquin County Public Health Services continues to refine its vaccine rollout plan as conditions evolve.
- Currently, SJCPHS is vaccinating identified worker groups, primary frontline healthcare and first responders, in Phase 1A: Tiers 1 – 3 with the limited vaccine allocations coming weekly from the State.
- We ask for patience as we work through the process of procuring resources and setting up clinics for the next phases of vaccination
- While demand far exceeds allocation, we are hopeful that allocations will drastically increase in the near future and we can include those residents 65 years old and older who are approved for vaccination, as well as other Phase 1B groups.
- At this time, we request that residents who are 65 years old and older to wait to receive more information from their provider and/or Public Health Services, so that when allocations increase, they are aware of next steps.
- Please also keep an eye on the San Joaquin County vaccination webpage, at www.sjcphs.org for timely updates to the process, the current tiers vaccinating and other important information
- San Joaquin County has currently received 14,625 doses of Pfizer vaccine and 19,400 doses of Moderna vaccine
- This means approximately 17,000 vaccines have been administered within San Joaquin County. This is substantially less than the number of health care workers in San Joaquin County as identified in Phase 1A.
- This is a rapidly evolving situation and we are following closely the work of California's vaccine planning task force, which is determining many of the policies and procedures for which vaccine is distributed when, how, and to whom. The State's decisions will be implemented through our local plans
- The COVID-19 vaccine will:
 - help keep you from getting COVID-19
 - be a safer way to help build protection
 - be an important tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and reopen our communities
- San Joaquin County will be launching a specific vaccination registration and appointment system to sign up to receive the vaccine locally when additional doses become available.
- The Governor also announced a new system to let people know if they are eligible to receive a vaccine and if not yet eligible, to register for a notification via email or text to receive updates on when they would be eligible. That system is expected to launch next week.

More Information

San Joaquin County Public Health Services is coordinating with local partners and health care providers to administer COVID-19 vaccines as they become available. Requirements established by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provide for a phased approach to administering the vaccine.

- Vaccinating an estimated 570,000 adult residents in San Joaquin County will be a monumental task and will be an ongoing effort lasting several months.
- A goal of vaccinating 70% of all adult residents by July 2021 will require County partners to rapidly build a capacity to administer more than 30,000 doses of vaccine (1st and 2nd doses) each week.
- The complex process involves post vaccination monitoring, significant vaccine handling and storage requirements; state mandated training requirements for vaccinators, and preregistration processes and verification of currently eligible individuals.
- We had a successful initial launch on December 15, 2020 when we first received and distributed nearly 5,000 doses of Pfizer out to our hospital partners.
- The County is now administering 2nd doses to those in the first wave.
- At present there are over a dozen entities and sites in San Joaquin County that have been approved by the State to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine