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## Press Release

Over the past few weeks, there has been a surge in our County’s COVID-19 positive cases as well as cases throughout California. Also, along with many other Regions, the Greater Sacramento Region’s ICU bed capacity has remained below the 15% threshold, extending the Regional Stay Home Order for many Californians.

There is good news. COVID-19 vaccinations are now available and COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most important tools to end the COVID-19 pandemic. The State is now delivering safe and effective vaccines fairly to all counties in California.

Here in Sierra County, we are working diligently following Federal and State directives, scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for those priority populations most at risk of contracting COVID-19 through their employment. If you are not at risk of contracting COVID-19 through your employment, you will be able to receive a vaccination, but only after those most at risk have been vaccinated. This stage of vaccination is expected to begin this spring.

According to the directives, vaccinations will follow the course below:

Phase: 1a: <b>(All those that have noted a desire for vaccine have received one or have rescheduled.)</b>	Tier 1	Vaccinating NOW: *By Closed PODs for Priority Groups	Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities (medically vulnerable individuals); First Responders (paramedics/EMTs); Behavioral Health (psychiatric).
	Tier 2	Vaccinating NOW: *By Closed PODs for Priority Groups	Home Health and IHSS; Public Health; Community Health Workers; Primary Care and Community Clinics.
	Tier 3	Vaccinating NOW: *By Closed PODs for Priority Groups	Laboratory Workers; Dental/Oral Health Clinics.
Phase:1b:	Tier 1	Vaccinating NOW: *By Closed PODs for Priority Groups <b>Began 1/5/21</b>	Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture; Persons aged 75 years and older.
	Tier 2	Vaccination UPCOMING: <b>TBD</b>	Individuals 65-74 years of age; Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing; Congregate settings with outbreak risk: incarcerated and homeless.
Phase:1c:	Tier 1	Vaccinating NEXT: <b>TBD</b>	Individuals 50-64 years of age; People 16-64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19; Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: water and wastewater; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous materials; communications and IT; financial services; government operations/community-based essential functions.

\*By Closed PODs (Points Of Dispensing) for Priority Groups allows Sierra County Public Health to target priority groups in the appropriate order. Please contact your employer regarding your eligibility to receive the vaccine.

For more information, please visit the California Department of Public Health webpage: [COVID-19 Vaccine](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccine)

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