
COVID-19 Vaccines information December 29, 2020

In accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is providing the following information on current COVID-19 vaccines. Both Pfizer and Moderna are COVID-19 mRNA vaccines that have been rigorously tested for safety before being authorized for use in the United States. Although mRNA technology is new, it is not unknown. They have been studied for more than a decade. They do not contain a live virus and therefore, do not carry a risk of causing disease in the vaccinated person. mRNA from the vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell and does not affect or interact with a person's DNA.

SCPH has received allocated number of both Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. Public Health is following CDPH Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 vaccine during Phase 1A and has distributed to designated facilities. During Phase 1A, COVID-19 vaccines are directed to as many tiers, and categories in each tier (e.g., hospitals), as possible to reach the prioritized populations. The tiers and categories in each tier are presented in ranked order. Persons immunizing the prioritized populations in a tier will be offered immunization during or before the same tier. Information on vaccination status by phase and tier will be available on the SCPH website in the near future.

The following links are Standing Orders for COVID-19 vaccination as well as the Anaphylaxis protocol. In case of staff shortage, the following are allowed to provide vaccination: nursing students under supervision, National Guard, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, and Pharmacists.

<https://dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-ModernaStandingOrders20201223.pdf>

<https://dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-PfizerStandingOrders20201218.pdf>

<https://dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-AnaphylaxisProtocol20201220.pdf>

Resources:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/CDPH-Allocation-Guidelines-for-COVID-19-Vaccine-During-Phase-1A-Recommendations.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/mrna-vaccine-basics.html>

Sincerely,



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