



3/26/2021 – COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

- **All Phase 1B-Tier 1 workforce sectors open now**
- **Updated workforce sectors added by CDPH**
- **Age 65+ and 16-64 with qualifying conditions open now**
- **State to open 50+ April 1st, 16+ April 15th**
- *My Turn and TPA coming in April*

COVID-19 vaccination eligibility is now open to include all workforce sectors in Phase 1B-Tier 1, effective March 26th, 2021 in Humboldt County. Additionally, Phase 1B-Tier 1 is now open to all age-based criteria including age 65+ and those who are 16-64 with qualifying medical conditions. Several additional eligible groups were added to the Phase 1B-Tier 1 workforce sector can be found on CDPH website with links provided below. **We encourage all Humboldt County COVID-19 vaccine providers to continue to prioritize age-based groups in your clinics, including 16-64 with qualifying medical conditions. Clinics can and should vaccinate workforce sectors when attempts to fill clinics with age-based or those with qualifying medical conditions are unsuccessful.** HCPH will continue to monitor vaccine penetration in each group and open additional priority groups when sufficient vaccine is available. HCPH will continue to hold mass vaccination clinics for all open groups (age and workforce) doing outreach through employers and organizations, as well as through the county online interest form. **We encourage each vaccinator to manage their supply to meet needs of all open groups while prioritizing age-based populations and those with medical conditions.**

If vaccine coming to Humboldt County is limited, HCPH encourages all vaccinators to prioritize 2nd doses. While 2nd doses should be given as close as feasible to day 21 for Pfizer and day 28 for Moderna, CDC states the 2nd dose can be as far out as day 42 for both vaccines. Have contingency plans for use of expiring doses should they appear. **Use expiring doses for first or second doses on priority groups, but when not possible, use expiring doses on anyone approved for the vaccine by FDA.** If you have vaccine that is about to expire within hours, and you do not have a plan for use, contact the Humboldt County Health Officer through Sheriff Dispatch (707-445-7251) to come up with an immediate plan for use. As a scarce resource, avoid wasting vaccine by planning clinics accordingly. Any wasted doses must be reported immediately locally and to CDC.

Plan clinics and vaccine use on a weekly basis, and place orders based on expected needs for the upcoming 7 days based on **maximal clinic throughput**. New vaccine is shipped weekly and supplies should increase in the coming month. Do not store or hold vaccine for second doses. **Inventory must be reported in VaccineFinder daily.** HCPH will allocate doses at appropriate intervals based on needs/request but may be impacted by need to prioritize second doses over first doses. Weekly allocation is based on need and use as well as equity. While not planned, delay of 2nd doses may be necessary if supply is severely limited. HCPH will work with any vaccinators that are not able to use supplies in a timely manner to redirect those supplies to other vaccination sites that are in need and able to use the vaccine within the coming 7 days.

Providers authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccine may schedule their own patients using either state-provided platforms (PrepMod, My Turn), or their own EMR, so long as the data is exported into the California immunization registry (CAIR). HCPH is working closely with Blue Shield to transition to the TPA agreements, but we are assured by Blue Shield that in the coming weeks no provider vaccination efforts will be disrupted and they will work closely with HCPH to allocate both first and second doses during this transition.



HCPH will transition to My Turn in April. Other vaccine providers will work with TPA with input from HCPH on how each clinic will transition to TPA allocation and My Turn in an acceptable amount of time. All clinics vaccinating are guaranteed second doses during this transition.

For community members who are not patients of approved COVID-19 vaccination practice, who do not have a local provider or who are uninsured, please direct to the following link:

<https://humboldt.gov/InterestForm>

When internet access is limited for an individual have family, friends, neighbors fill out the interest form for those unable to do so on their own. If unable to have someone do it on their behalf, direct individuals to call 441-5000 for assistance in filling out the interest form. Those filling out the interest form will be contacted by email when clinics become available. Those with no email will be reached by phone when clinics become available.

Phase 1 A – all tiers open now

Tier 1 (OPEN NOW)

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Also, in concordance with ACIP, residents in these settings
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

Tier 2 (OPEN NOW)

- 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

Tier 3 (OPEN NOW) Other settings and health care workers, including

- Specialty clinics
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers

Phase 1B-Tier One - all tiers open now

- Individuals 65 years and older (OPEN NOW)
 - Individuals 16-64 with higher risk medical conditions (OPEN NOW)
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:
 - Emergency services (OPEN NOW)
 - K-12 Education and childcare* (OPEN NOW)
 - Higher Education* (OPEN NOW)
 - Food and agriculture (OPEN NOW)

*educator or support staff (inclusive of transportation, custodial, aides, office staff, cafeteria, maintenance).

On March 11th CDPH expanded Phase 1B-Tier 1 workforce eligibility groups:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx>



On March 15th CDPH expanded age eligibility groups to include 16-64 with certain medical conditions:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Provider-Bulletin-2-12-21.aspx>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/vaccine-high-risk-factsheet.aspx>

Healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals age 16-64 who are deemed to be at the very highest risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 as a direct result of one or more of the following severe health conditions:

- **Cancer**, current with debilitated or immunocompromised state
- **Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above
- **Chronic pulmonary disease**, oxygen dependent
- **Down syndrome**
- **Immunocompromised state** (weakened immune system) from **solid organ transplant**
- **Pregnancy**
- **Sickle cell disease**
- **Heart conditions**, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (excludes hypertension)
- **Severe obesity** (Body Mass Index ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus** with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

OR

If as a result of a developmental or other severe high-risk disability one or more of the following applies:

- The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection
- Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival
- Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability

The list of eligible conditions is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as CDPH obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data.

On March 25th CDPH expanded age eligibility groups to include age 50+ starting April 1st, age 16+ starting April 15th:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx>

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