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Public Health Advisory

This advisory provides information for Marin County healthcare providers regarding the wide availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for all aged 16 or older in Marin.

Background

Up until this week, demand for COVID-19 vaccine has exceeded supply in Marin County. Today, 75.5 percent of Marin County residents age 16 and older have received at least one dose, and 51.5 percent have received two doses. For the first time, appointments in Marin County Public Health vaccination sites are not filling to capacity. As of today, there are over 2000 unfilled appointments through Sunday, April 25, in mass vaccination as well as mobile operations.

Due to vaccine scarcity in the past, initial allocations were tightly controlled and distributed to priority groups as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Vaccines are now available for all age 16 and older.

As one of the most highly vaccinated communities in the state, our challenge has shifted from vaccinating those eager to be vaccinated to the longer-term strategies of outreach, education, and removing all barriers for the remaining unvaccinated.

Actions Requested of Providers

1. Refer all eligible patients for COVID-19 vaccination. Appointments available at <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine/signup>. Encourage patients to invite their unvaccinated family members to register for appointments.
2. Engage patients who may be hesitant in conversations about the importance, safety, and efficacy of vaccines. The [Marin County COVID-19 vaccine belief survey](#) offers insights into vaccine decision making among our residents.
3. Review COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education [resources](#). More information available at [Marin County Coronavirus Information | COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
4. Address individual concerns and [build confidence](#) around the COVID-19 vaccines.
5. As supplies increase pay attention for upcoming communications from Marin County Public Health for opportunities to build vaccination capacity at your practice / facility.