PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Background

In December 2020, the State of California began distributing Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to counties to vaccinate healthcare workers, following the U.S. Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) prioritization frameworks.

Marin County Public Health and Marin healthcare providers are working in parallel to vaccinate Phase 1a groups. Phase 1a includes persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work long-term care settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals. This includes family and private caregivers of Marin County residents requiring support with their activities of daily living (ADL). Through our combined efforts, our goal is to vaccinate all Phase 1a groups by the end of January.

This update provides information for Marin County health care providers and caregivers to ensure qualifying Phase 1a family or private caregivers receive the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccination is open to family and private caregivers who can provide evidence that they meet the following criteria:

- The patient or caregiver lives in Marin County; and,
- The patient has a medical condition(s) that requires support with activities of daily living (ADL); and,
- The healthcare provider identifies the specific family or private caregiver as essential for supporting their patient’s activities of daily living (ADL)

Actions requested of Healthcare Providers and Family / Private Caregivers:

1. When requested by a patient or their health care proxy, conservator, guardian or agent (e.g., durable power of attorney), healthcare providers should provide documentation (e.g., letter, email) that identifies specific individuals as a family or private caregivers for patient with medical condition(s) requiring support with activities of daily living (ADL).
2. Family and private caregivers with a letter from their family member’s / client's healthcare provider affirming that they are a caregiver eligible for Phase 1a vaccination can schedule an appointment for COVID-19 vaccine.
   a. Visit Vaccination for Healthcare Workers webpage to schedule a vaccination appointment
3. Family and private caregivers must provide proof of identity and proof of eligibility (i.e., letter or email from a healthcare provider identifying them as a qualifying family or private caregiver) to receive the vaccine
4. Family and private caregivers should review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to vaccination.
   a. Vaccine Recipient Fact Sheets - English | Spanish
Vaccine Information

- Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine
- Moderna Vaccine

Key Resources

- For up-to-date information, visit https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine
- Sign up for daily Status Updates at https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/subscribe
- For healthcare provider information, visit https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/providers