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PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

COVID-19 Vaccine Access – Home Visits

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Background

The benefit of COVID-19 booster vaccination for older and medically fragile residents is increasingly evident nationally and in Marin. As of today, more than 85% of Marin County residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and more than 70% of residents age 65 or older have received their booster vaccine.

The provision of vaccine is an essential service in primary care, acute care, hospital and home care settings. Due to increased demand, Marin County Public Health is clarifying resources available to providers who may care for patients who are home bound or have difficulty navigating to a healthcare clinic or vaccination site.

Eligible patients / clients must meet the following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) criteria for homebound status:

1. Have a condition such that leaving his or her home is medically contraindicated; or,
2. There must exist a normal inability to leave home and leaving home must require a considerable and taxing effort.

Actions Requested of Providers

- Identify patients / clients who have not received their COVID-19 vaccine or booster and perform outreach to arrange vaccination.
 - If transportation is a barrier, support patients / clients in accessing one of the following services for free transportation to vaccine appointments:
 - Uber and the White House have partnered with GoGoGrandparent to offer four free trips to vaccine clinics. Access at <https://gogograndparent.com/whitehouse>
 - Lyft is providing free or discounted access to vaccine clinics. Access at <https://www.lyft.com/vaccine-access>
 - If patients are unable to access a vaccination clinic, and if you cannot provide home based vaccination services, determine if eligible for MCPH home-based COVID-19 vaccination.
- Contact patients / clients and confirm their interest in MCPH home-based COVID-19 vaccination.
- If a patient or client meets criteria and agrees to home based vaccination, they can request a home-based vaccine at <https://marincountyhc.jotform.com/211785878697076>.