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## **COVID-19 Update: Moderna Vaccine Shipping Delays Continue, due to Severe Weather**

*For Vaccination Information, Visit <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>*

**Lake County, CA (February 19, 2021)** — There continue to be positive signs new COVID-19 infections are diminishing in Lake County. Our Testing Positivity Rate is 6.9%. In the last fully reported period, ending January 31, we documented 88 new infections. This is remarkably down from our peak of 292, in the weekly period ending January 3.

Lake County's Daily Case Rate now sits at 20/100,000. Our data must meet all criteria for the Red Tier (Daily Case Rate from 4.0-7.0/100,000 AND Testing Positivity 8% or lower) for two consecutive weeks prior to advancing to the less restrictive Red Tier. That would enable reintroduction of some business services, including limited indoor dining at restaurants. Considering recent trends, this can be achievable in the relatively near-term.

It is important to remember, though, COVID-19 remains Widespread in Lake County's communities, and many of our friends and neighbors are highly vulnerable to severe complications. In just the past week, 4 Lake County residents have died of COVID-related illness, bringing our total to 40. Each of these is a tragic reminder we must remain vigilant to continue recent positive trends, and keep our communities safe.

### **Vaccine Distribution Update**

As of yesterday afternoon the State reported most orders of Moderna vaccine placed "since mid to late last week [had] not yet shipped." This is due to severe weather disrupting work at a key distribution hub. A "back log of orders," has resulted, "that will need to get out once weather conditions improve." Most shipments are expected to arrive next week.

We will have used up the last of our vaccine supply by Friday afternoon, after completing the second doses administered this week.

Until we receive a shipment, all further clinics will be cancelled. Once the vaccine arrives, we will set up the next clinics ASAP, and post links for appointment scheduling at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>. If you, or someone connected to you, is eligible to be vaccinated, visit this webpage often, to see if appointments are available. Information on who is eligible is also posted there.

Once we receive our shipments of vaccine, we are anticipating ramping up our numbers significantly, so we can get back on track. We are ready!

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