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COVID-19 Vaccination: An Updated Resource for Lake County Residents

2,000 Doses Expected This Week; Online Scheduling Now Available for 1st and 2nd Doses

Lake County, CA (March 1, 2021) — We continue to receive shipments of vaccine, and our clinics are accepting people at a higher capacity; about 2,000 doses are expected to be available this week. It is our goal to minimize confusion, and remove obstacles surrounding COVID-19 vaccination. Here is an updated resource regarding vaccine eligibility and appointment scheduling:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED NOW?

Starting **March 1**, groups eligible to be vaccinated in Lake County are those outlined in the State guidelines. People now eligible include:

- Individuals 65 and older
- Long-term care residents
- Healthcare Workers
- Emergency Services Workers
- Food and Agricultural Workers
- Education and Childcare Workers

If you aren't sure whether your specific job qualifies you, this February 13 Guidance from the California Department of Public Health may be helpful:

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

Jobs that qualify as "Emergency Services" and "Food and Agriculture" are listed here:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>

If you are eligible, please visit <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm> and schedule an appointment.

WHEN WILL PEOPLE AGED 16-64 WITH QUALIFYING CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SEVERE DISABILITIES BECOME ELIGIBLE?

Starting **Monday, March 15**, people with certain chronic medical conditions and those with severe disabilities can get vaccinated:

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

People eligible on this basis will need a note from their medical provider, simply confirming they have a qualifying condition; there is no need to include any sensitive medical information. If you qualify, but do not have a medical provider, send your name, date of birth, phone number, email address and qualifying condition(s) to MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov. I will confirm your condition qualifies, and write a letter. To avoid delaying your vaccination, please start work to get your letter now.

FIRST DOSE APPOINTMENTS

Step 1: Make sure you are eligible. (See above, for the current list)

Step 2: Visit <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm> to schedule your appointment.

New links to schedule first dose appointments are posted every few days, as we ensure vaccine supply is adequate.

Step 3: Report to your appointment at the assigned time and place, and bring the following:

- Photo ID; and
- Proof of your eligibility (proof of employment, if you are eligible because of your job).

No walk-in appointments are available at this time. If you do not have an appointment, or you do not have proof you qualify, you will be turned away.

NEED HELP WITH SCHEDULING?

Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Lake County residents 65 and older, who do not have the ability to schedule online, can call 707-993-4644 for assistance.

The Health Services Department's MHOAC line, 707-263-8174, is also monitored Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Special lines are available for Farmworkers on Fridays, 9am-5pm: call 707-262-4162; 707-262-4153; or 707-262-4159 for help.

Don't call these numbers if there are no appointments available online. They have no additional appointments.

READY FOR YOUR SECOND DOSE? ONLINE SCHEDULING NOW AVAILABLE!

Current guidance notes second doses of the Moderna vaccine can safely be given 4-6 weeks following the first dose; it can almost certainly be even later, but we try to observe the recommended interval of 28 days as closely as possible. The Public Health team typically calls or emails people to schedule their 2nd dose appointment. Notices have, at times, been 24-48 hours prior in recent weeks. We recognize this creates a hardship for some, and apologize for any inconvenience.

If you are approaching 28 days, and haven't received a call, you can use our new "Second Dose Appointment" links to schedule. New links will be regularly posted at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>. It is important people schedule their 2nd dose no fewer than 24 days from the date of their first appointment. You will need to present the vaccine card you received at your first dose appointment to get your second dose.

Individuals who had their first dose **ON OR BEFORE 2/4/2021** can schedule for tomorrow's (Tuesday, 3/2) "Recall Clinic" (i.e., Second Dose Clinic) at Lakeport Auto Movies (52 Soda Bay Rd): <https://www.calvax.org/reg/9610629075>

Individuals who had their first dose **ON OR BEFORE 2/7/2021** can schedule for the Friday's (3/5) Recall Clinic at Redbud Park (14655 Lakeshore Dr., Clearlake): <https://www.calvax.org/reg/0310296089>

Please do not use the first dose appointment links to schedule your second dose appointment; those links should be used for first dose appointments, only.

If you are unable to schedule online, you can write to MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov, or call 707-263-8174 for assistance. Please leave your name, date of birth, email and phone number, as well as the date of your first appointment.

NEED GENERAL INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Vaccine questions can now be answered by dialing 211 or texting "covid19" to 211-211. Additional resources are also available here:

<http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>

LOOKING AHEAD - MY TURN PLATFORM TO BECOME STANDARD, STATEWIDE

The State will soon require all Counties use their MyTurn appointment scheduling system. At the appropriate timing, we will provide detailed instructions for Lake County residents. For those interested in looking ahead, this Press Release from the California Department of Public Health has valuable information:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-066.aspx>

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