

SCDD COVID-19 Vaccine Community Input Sessions

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Welcome and Meeting Etiquette

- ▶ Keep Microphones Muted unless called on to speak.
 - ▶ Captioning, Spanish and ASL Interpretation is available for those needing it. Please check the chat box for instructions.
 - ▶ Participant Introductions will be done via the chat box.
 - ▶ Questions and Feedback.
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Hope

“There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are talking about how do we get there from here”

– CA Surgeon General Nadine Burke Harris

Purpose

- ▶ Community Vaccine Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Direct connection for you to get information, to give information
 - ▶ Share what we know, what we don't know
 - ▶ Advocacy success
 - ▶ Hear from you
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CVAC

- ▶ CA Dept of Public Health
- ▶ Focused on safety, transparency, and equity of vaccine and distribution
- ▶ 70 members
 - 5 representing disability and aging advocates

CVAC

- ▶ My focus so far
 - Vaccine priority for people with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities
 - Vaccine priority for caregivers, whether paid or not, whether family or not
 - Vaccine safety for people with complex medical conditions, and interaction with other drugs
 - Informed consent

Vaccine(s) Approval

- ▶ Friday December 11, 2020: FDA approves Pfizer vaccine
- ▶ Thursday December 17-20: FDA reviews Moderna vaccine
- ▶ US may have 2 approved vaccines by Monday Dec 21, 2020

CA Vaccine Dosages

- ▶ This week: CA received 327k doses
 - ▶ End of December 2020: 2 million doses
 - ▶ End of January 2021: 6 million doses
 - ▶ End of April 2021: 20 million doses
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How the Vaccines Work

- ▶ Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use a genetic code to stimulate the immune response against COVID-19
- ▶ Sequence designed on a computer
- ▶ No live, attenuated, or inactive virus
- ▶ Not protein based
- ▶ Not a DNA vaccine
- ▶ No cells used

Vaccine Ingredients

▶ Pfizer

- mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, and cholesterol), potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, and sucrose.

Vaccine Ingredients

- ▶ Mainly fats and sugars

More About the Vaccine

- ▶ Need to be shipped and stored cold
 - Pfizer -70 degrees Celsius
 - Moderna -20 degrees Celsius
- ▶ Both need 2 doses for full immunity
 - 1st = 50% immunity
 - 2nd = 95% immunity
- ▶ Not know if it prevents transmission

More About the Vaccine

- ▶ Pfizer clinical trials:
 - 40,000 trial participants
 - 10,000 Latinx/Hispanic
 - 3,500 African- American
 - 1,600 Asian
- Comorbidity
 - Obesity
 - Diabetes
 - Respiratory
 - Cardiac

More About the Vaccine

- ▶ Side effects
 - ▶ 91.6% injection site pain
 - ▶ 68.5% fatigue
 - ▶ 63% headache
 - ▶ 59.6% muscle pain
- ▶ No anaphylactic or severe hypersensitivity reactions

Scarcity: Setting Priorities

- ▶ Currently there is not enough supply to immunize all persons who are willing to accept the vaccine
- ▶ Therefore, a fair, equitable, evidence-based, and transparent policy is needed to prioritize those who should be offered the vaccine initially until the capacity to manufacture and administer the vaccine increases

First Priority: Health Care Workers

- ▶ Health care workers are priority 1A because its members play critical roles in maintaining capacity of California's health system and sustaining health services during the COVID-19 pandemic, both for those with COVID-19 and for those who need care due to other causes.

First Priority: Health Care Workers

- ▶ Broad definition of health care workers
- ▶ Tier 1A includes:
 - **“Workers who provide support to vulnerable populations to ensure their health and well-being including family care providers.”**
 - **"Home health care and in-home supportive services"**

First Priority: People with IDD & other disabilities

- ▶ Advocating that people with IDD, other disabilities and older Californians be included in Tier 1B
- ▶ Can be done by stating any person receiving HCBS services are eligible
- ▶ This recommendation being considered

Distribution

- ▶ Local County Public Health Departments will administer for each county

Questions and Concerns

- ▶ How will public health recognize health care providers who work in homes rather than hospitals?
 - ▶ How can vaccines be done in-home?
 - ▶ How safe is the vaccine?
 - ▶ What are interactions with other medications?
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Time to hear from you

- ▶ SCDD is gathering DD community's thoughts and feelings about the COVID-19 vaccine
- ▶ Doing this through a survey and these community conversations
- ▶ While your individual information will not be shared with anyone, SCDD may share the results with the public agencies such as the California Vaccine Community Advisory Committee.

Question 1

- ▶ When the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, will you get it?

Question 2

What is your biggest concern about the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Side effects?
- Cost?
- How well the vaccine works?
- Something else?

Question 3

- ▶ What do you most want to know to decide if the vaccine is right for you, your family, or those you care for?

Question 4

- ▶ Any other questions you have?

Next Steps

- ▶ Your feedback informs SCDD's comments to CVAC
- ▶ FAQ
- ▶ You can communicate with CVAC
 - COVID19VaccineOutreach@cdph.ca.gov
- ▶ Conversations in 2021

State Council Contact Information

- ▶ Email: scdd@scdd.ca.gov