

# SCDD Council Meeting COVID-19 Vaccine Updates March 23, 2021

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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

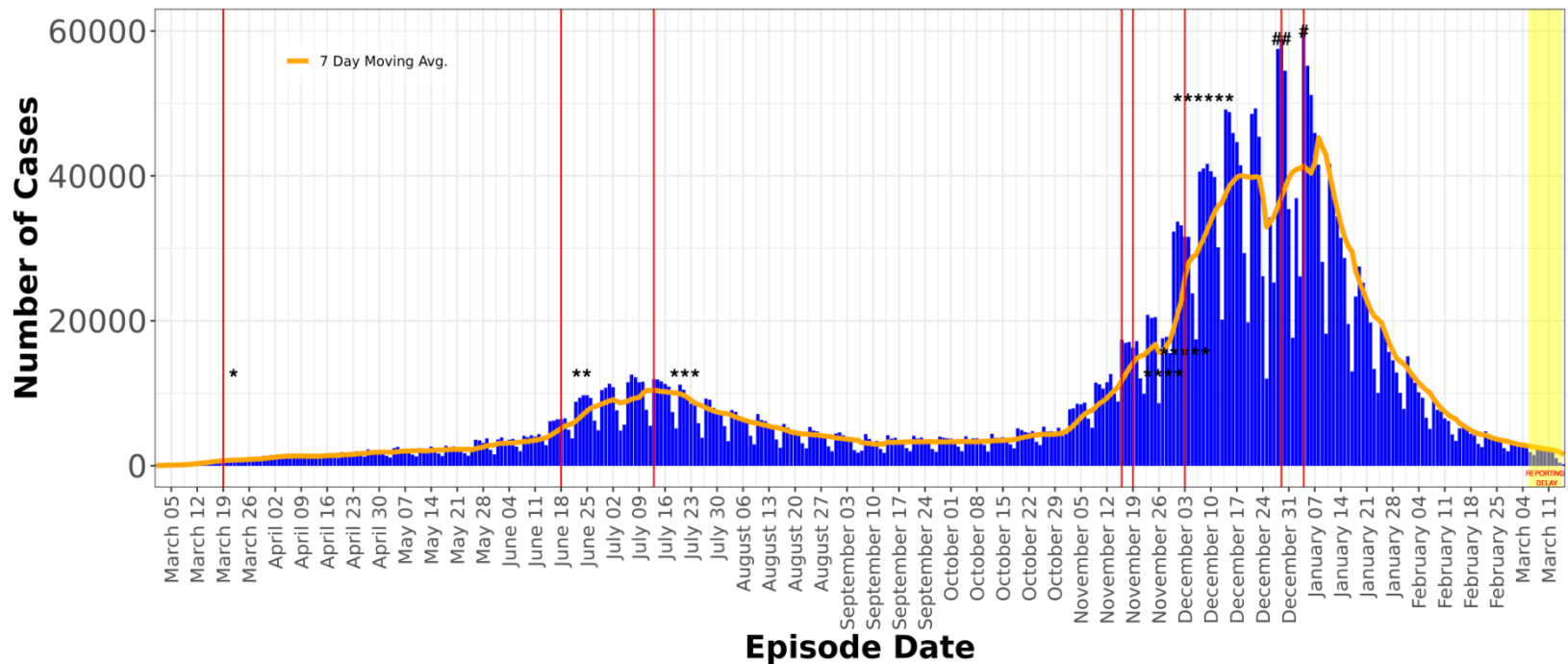
# Overview

- ▶ Eligibility vs Availability

# Where Are We Now?

Infections dropping

COVID Cases 3/1/20 – 3/16/21



\*3/19: Statewide Stay-At-Home Order

\*\*6/18: Statewide Mask Order

\*\*\*7/13: Statewide Re-Closure of Bars

\*\*\*\*11/16: Emergency Brake

\*\*\*\*\*11/19: Limited SAHO

# peak1: 60,073 cases (2021-01-04); ## peak2: 58,979 cases (2020-12-29);


\*\*\*\*\* 12/3 regional stay at home order

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# Where Are We Now?

The pandemic has had a tragic toll

As of March 22, 2021

- ▶ Tests: 52,408,982
    - 212,625 today
  - ▶ Cases: 3,547,278
    - 2,000 today
  - ▶ Deaths: 56,545
    - 427 today
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# COVID cases

There are disparities in who gets it and who dies, hitting Latinos the hardest

| <u>Race</u> | <u>% CA pop</u> | <u>% Cases</u> | <u>% Deaths</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Asian       | 15%             | 7%             | 12%             |
| Black       | 6%              | 4%             | 6%              |
| Latino      | 39%             | 56%            | 46%             |
| White       | 37%             | 20%            | 31%             |
| Other       | 0%              | 11%            | 2%              |

# Eligibility for High Risk Health Conditions Start 3/15/21

- ▶ High Risk Health Conditions:
  - **Cancer**, current with weakened immune system
  - **Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above
  - **Chronic pulmonary disease**, oxygen dependent
  - **Down syndrome**
  - **Solid organ transplant**, leading to a weakened immune system
  - **Pregnancy**
  - **Sickle cell disease**
  - **Heart conditions**, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (but not hypertension)
  - **Severe obesity** (Body Mass Index  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Type 2 diabetes mellitus** with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

# Eligibility for People with developmental and other disabilities start 3/15/21

- ▶ As a result of a developmental or other significant, high-risk disability, one or more of the following criteria applies:
  - A COVID-19 infection is likely to result in severe life-threatening illness or death; OR
  - Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival; OR
  - Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability.



# Eligibility

All Regional Center consumers and IHSS clients included

- ▶ People with a range of physical and behavioral disabilities including all enrolled consumers of regional centers, independent living centers, in-home supportive services, and community-based adult services/adult day health centers are eligible for a COVID vaccine on March 15.

# Eligibility

No documentation needed to prove disability

- ▶ Verification documentation of the diagnosis or type of disability is not required, but anyone meeting the eligibility requirements will be asked to sign a self-attestation that they meet the criteria for high-risk medical conditions or disabilities.

# Eligibility

## Questions:

- ▶ Does all mean all?
  - 16-64
  
- ▶ Do I need a letter?
  - DDS has asked Regional Centers to still issue personalized letters to their consumers. People can bring this letter when getting a vaccine in case there are any questions. Other programs may still issue letters too.

# Availability

As of March 22, 2021

- ▶ Doses Delivered to CA: 18,234,500
  - Receive about 900,000 1<sup>st</sup> doses per week
- ▶ Doses Administered: 14,819,755
  - Average 285,197 doses per day
  - 2,736,480 of those are pharmacy doses
- ▶ 5,236,063 received 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 13% of CA

# Availability

Projections of 1<sup>st</sup> doses delivered to CA remain flat

- ▶ March 21, 2021
  - Pfizer: 524,460
  - Moderna: 380,00
  - J&J: 44,000
- ▶ March 28, 2021
  - Pfizer 525,330
  - Moderna: 380,000
  - J&J: 0
- ▶ April 4, 2021
  - Same as March 28

# Availability

State has ½ vaccines it needs to meet eligibility

- ▶ How many people are eligible?
  - 4.4 Million in High-Risk/Disability on March 15
  - 16-18 million Californians total
  - 40-45% of the State
- ▶ Need 32-36 million doses
- ▶ Have 18.2 million doses

# Vaccines

There are disparities in who gets the vaccine, with Latino and Black CAs at 1/2

| <u>Race</u> | <u>% CA pop</u> | <u>% Vaccines</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Asian       | 15%             | 12%               |
| Black       | 6%              | 3%                |
| Latino      | 39%             | 19%               |
| White       | 37%             | 30%               |
| Other       | 0%              | 11%               |
| Multi       |                 | 12%               |
| Unknown     |                 | 12%               |

# Availability

- ▶ Which Vaccine Should I Get?
  - Whichever is available to you at the time



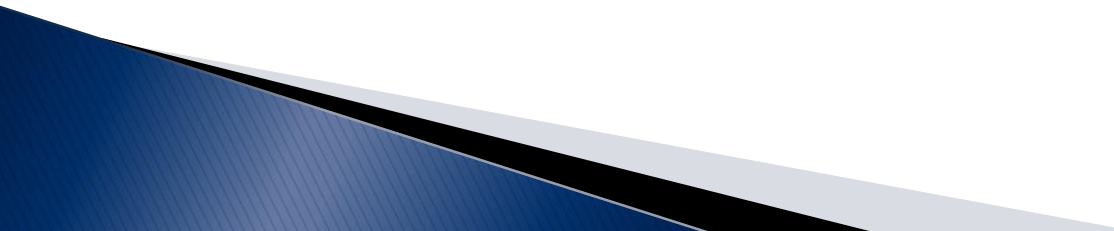
# Equity

- ▶ 40% of vaccine supply prioritized to zip codes in the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile of the Healthy Places Index (HPI)
  - HPI: measures in a zip code can impact health, like income education access to health care
  - Includes Regional Center, IHSS, ILC consumers in those zip codes
- ▶ 19.5% of vaccines administered in 1<sup>st</sup> HPI quartile

# Availability

- ▶ How Do I get a vaccine?
  - Your health care provider
  - Pharmacies
  - Your local health department
  - Pop-Up Clinics
  - [Myturn.ca.gov](http://Myturn.ca.gov) / 1-833-422-4255

# Is the Vaccine Safe?

- ▶ Make the best decision for yourself and those you care for based on what's known about the vaccine, what you know about your own medical situation, and weigh it against what's unknown about the vaccine
  - ▶ If you have questions or are worried about how the COVID vaccine may impact you, talk to the person who knows your health the best and who knows about the vaccine.
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# Thank you

- ▶ The inclusion of people with disabilities in this vaccination plan is the result of passionate and smart advocacy.
- ▶ Thank you
  - Governor Newsom and CA Dpt of Public Health
  - CVAC Disability Advocates
  - You

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