



# COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Updates

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# Guiding Principles

A safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most important interventions to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

In active partnership with the state and federal government, San Mateo County Health is committed to being **safe**, **transparent**, and above all, **equitable** in providing COVID-19 vaccines to everyone who needs and requests vaccination

**Safety, Transparency, Equity**



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# Who will be able to get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Eventually there will be enough vaccine for everyone who lives in San Mateo County, and we are laying the foundation now to make access as easy as possible.

Because initial vaccine supplies are limited, [the federal government has created guidance](#), which [California has further detailed](#) for who will receive the vaccine and in what order.



# Who is able to get a COVID-19 Vaccine now?

The first groups to receive vaccines are:

- **Healthcare Workers**

- Healthcare workers (clinical and non-clinical) providing direct healthcare and at-risk of COVID-19 exposure
- Medical First Responders (paramedics, EMTs)

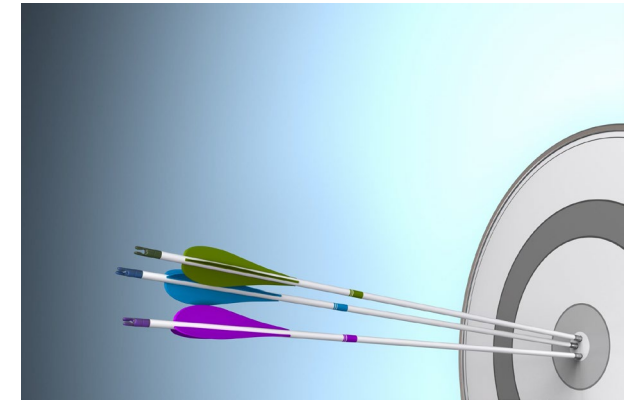
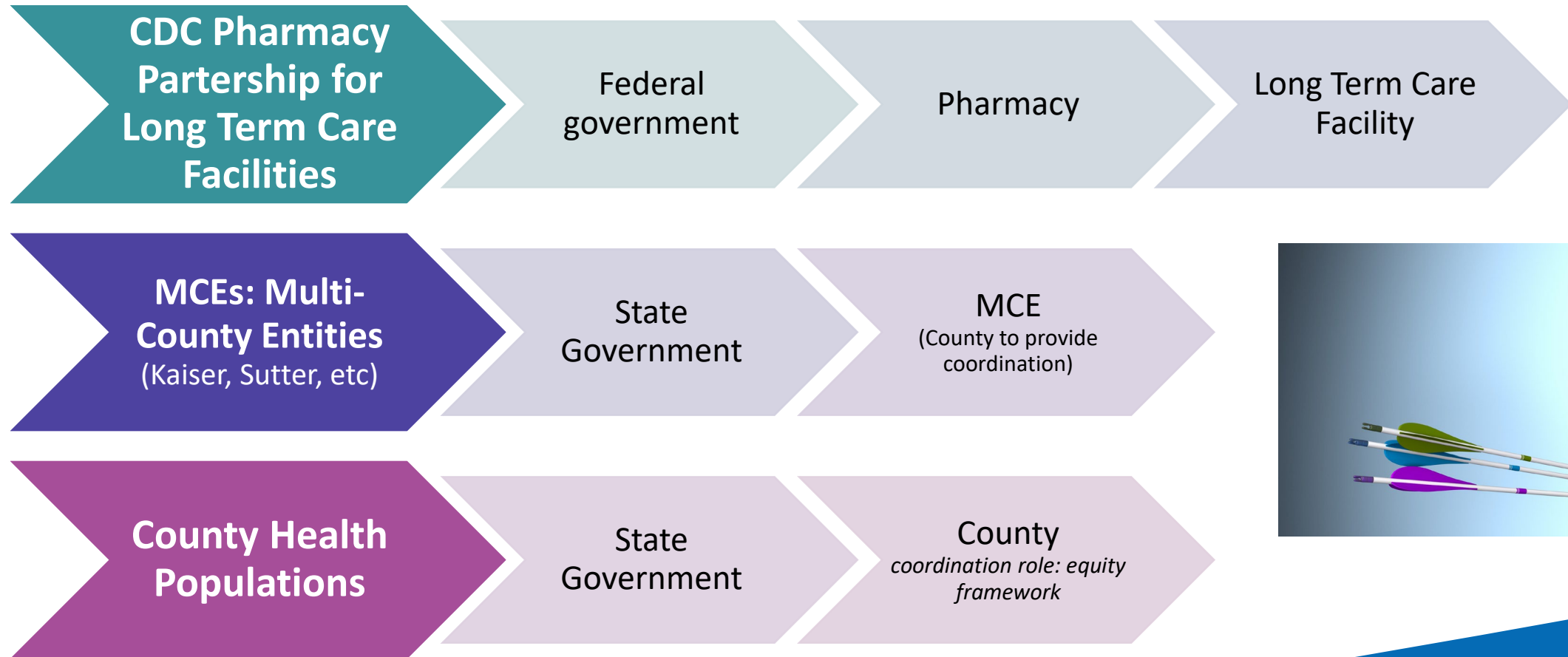
Estimated at 38,000 people in San Mateo County

- **Residents in Long Term Care Facilities**

Estimated at 12,000 people in San Mateo County



# Three Pathways



# Timeline



- Phase 1a
- Phase 1b
- Phase 1c

• To Be Determined

• General Public

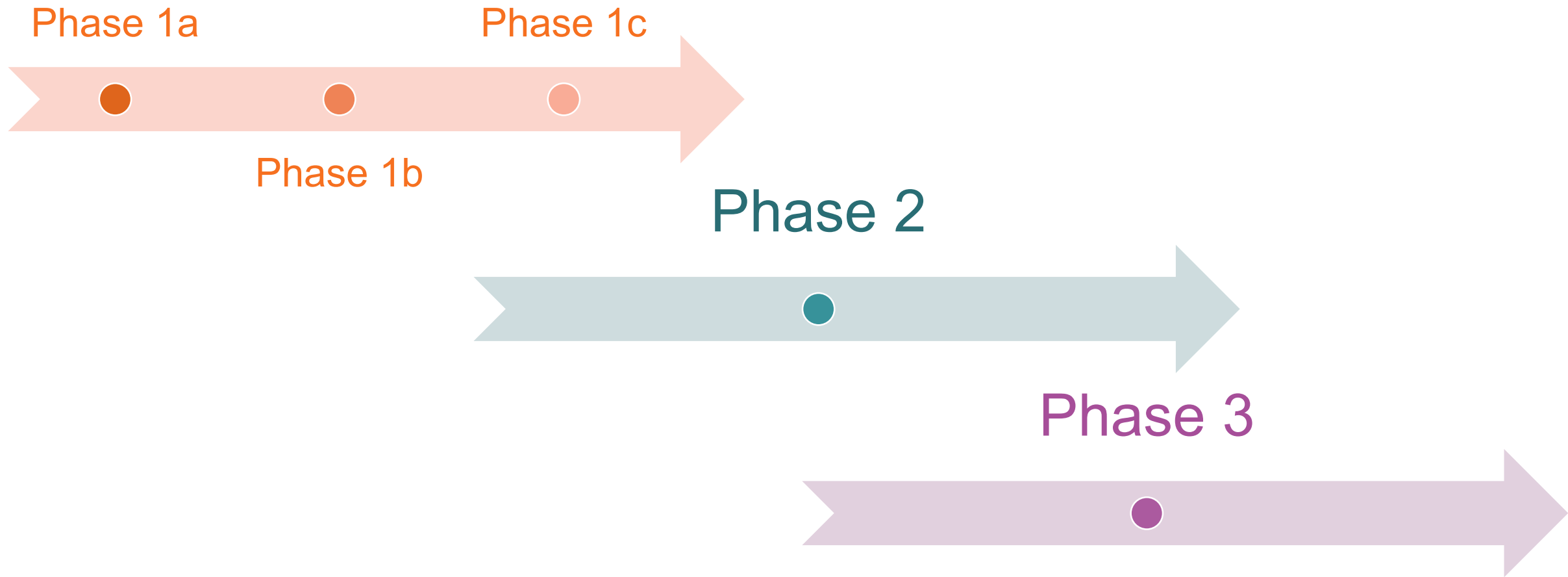
Now- February

February- April

April- June

Estimated Timeframes

# Phases will likely overlap



# Phase 1

## Prioritization within Phase 1

**Phase 1a:** *Healthcare Workers, Long Term Care Residents*

**Phase 1b:** *Older Adults (75+ or 65+ w/ risk factors), frontline essential workers*

**Phase 1c:** *Adults (16+) with high-risk medical conditions, other essential workers*



# Phase 1a

## *Healthcare Workers, Long Term Care Residents*

### Tier 1

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional hospitals
- Long term care facilities with medically vulnerable residents
- Residents in long term care settings
- Medical first responders
- Dialysis centers
- Inpatient behavioral health facilities

### Tier 2

- Remaining long term care facilities
- Home health care
- Community health workers
- Public health field staff
- Primary care, urgent care, correctional facility clinics
- Outpatient behavioral health facilities

### Tier 3

- Specialty Clinics
- Laboratory workers
- Dental/oral health clinics
- Any remaining Pharmacy staff
- Mortuary service workers

**Phase 1b:** *Older Adults (75+ or 65+ w/ risk factors), frontline essential workers*

**Phase 1c:** *Adults (16+) with high-risk medical conditions, other essential workers*



# Phase 1b

## *High Risk Adults, Frontline Essential Workers*

**Phase 1a:** *Healthcare Workers, Long Term Care Residents*

### Tier 1

- Adults 75 years and older
- Education workers
- Childcare workers
- Emergency services workers
- Food and agriculture workers

### Tier 2

- Adults 65 and older with underlying health condition and/or a disability
- Essential workers in:
  - transportation and logistics
  - industrial/residential/commercial sectors
  - critical manufacturing
- Incarcerated individuals
- Homeless/unhoused individuals

**Phase 1c:** *Adults (16-64) with high-risk medical conditions, other essential workers*



# Phase 1c

## *Adults (16-64) with High-Risk Medical Conditions, Other Essential Workers*

**Phase 1a:** *Healthcare Workers, Long Term Care Residents*

**Phase 1b:** *High risk , frontline essential workers*

- Anyone 16 to 64 years old with an underlying health condition or a disability
- Workers in water and waste management
- Workers in the defense, energy and chemical sectors
- Communications and information technology workers
- Financial services and government operations workers
- Community service workers



# How are people within each group prioritized?

We coordinate and allocate vaccine to various entities within the county with **safety, transparency and equity** as our guiding principles.

We make decisions about how much vaccine to allocate to various entities throughout the county; then those entities (e.g. hospitals, long term care facilities) often have their own prioritization decisions to make about which of their staff/residents they prioritize for the vaccine.

California Department of Public Health provided thorough recommendations for factors to consider when sub-prioritizing members within each priority group.

We also factor logistical and operational constraints, as each entity needs to have the right permissions, licenses, equipment, and staffing to be able to administer vaccine.



December 5, 2020  
TO: All Californians  
SUBJECT: CDPH Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine During Phase 1A: Recommendations

## Recommendation A: Populations for Phase 1a

During Phase 1a of allocation, COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to the following persons in California:

- Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care settings.
  - This population includes persons at direct risk of exposure in their non-clinical roles, such as, but not limited to, environmental services, patient transport, or interpretation.
- Residents of skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar long-term care settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals.

## Recommendation B: Subprioritization During Phase 1a

- During Phase 1a, if there are not enough doses of COVID-19 vaccine for all who choose to receive them, then health departments should subprioritize doses as needed to match the level of available supplies in a sequential fashion using the following ranked categories:
  - Persons exposed through work in health care or long-term care settings, by:
    - Type of facility or role
    - Location of facility
    - Attributes of individuals
- Health departments may reprioritize temporarily under limited circumstances described in Recommendation C.

## Recommendation B1: Subprioritization by type of facility or role

- If supplies are limited during Phase 1a, COVID-19 vaccines should be directed to as many tiers, and categories in each tier (e.g., hospitals) as possible to reach the prioritized populations.
- The tiers and categories in each tier are presented in ranked order.
- Persons immunizing the prioritized populations in a tier should be offered immunization during or before the same tier.



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In the early phases, with limited supply and need to reach recipients as early as possible, **speed of distribution is critical**



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# Ensuring equitable distribution of the vaccine

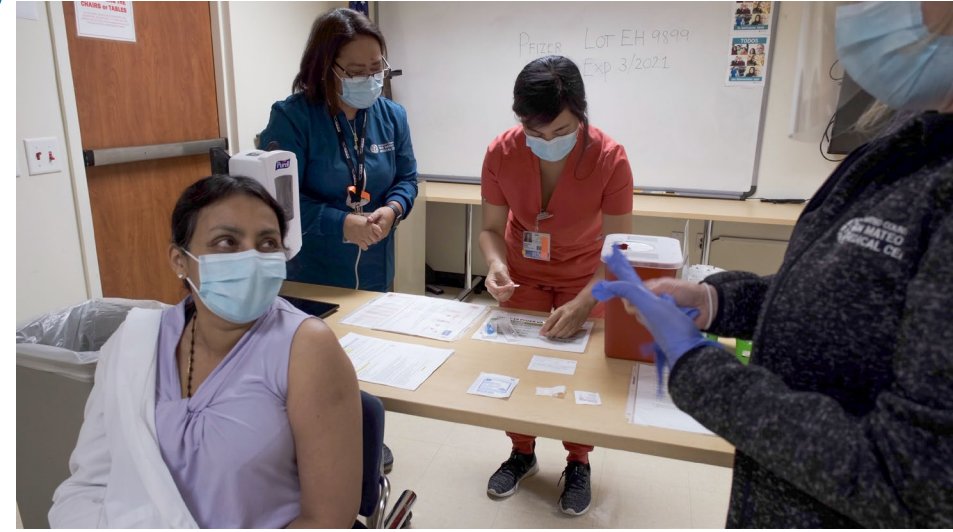
As we learn the timeline and federal and state guidance on the approach for distribution to the general public, we expect to tailor the outreach and the distribution strategy to assure reaching the most vulnerable communities, acknowledging the troubling history of health care research in communities of color. For community-wide vaccine distribution, we have developed a seven-point framework to guide our overall approach:

- 1) Provide transparency in the science and vaccination process.
- 2) Prioritize those that shoulder the most risk.
- 3) Acknowledge explicitly the negative and painful history of health care in the US in communities of color that has led to distrust in healthcare, research, and government.
- 4) Engage community and stakeholders to better understand their concerns and needs.
- 5) Respond to concerns and needs as much as possible.
- 6) Communicate effectively in culturally sensitive ways through trusted partners.
- 7) Learn and improve as we go.



# Vaccinations Underway

SMMC gets new ultra low temperature freezers and has first staff vaccinated



[Video: Freezers and first SMMC vaccines](#)



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Medical First Responders vaccinated December 23<sup>rd</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>

[Video: Medical First Responders get vaccines](#)



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# WIDELY AVAILABLE LATER IN 2021

STAY INFORMED. KEEP WEARING  
YOUR MASK.

- Validated by the nation's top medical experts to be safe and effective
- Health care workers and residents in long-term care will be the first to be vaccinated
- Provided at no cost
- Phased distribution plan based on risk and level of exposure

## MEDICAL EXPERTS ENDORSE COVID-19 VACCINES

Your safety is a priority.

Provided at no cost.

Vaccination helps  
end the pandemic.



# THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS HERE

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# Upcoming Live Stream



## LIVE – FAQ's on COVID-19 Vaccination Process



**11:30am  
Wednesday,  
January 13th**

**Vaccinate San Mateo**

Together we can end the pandemic.



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## QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU



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