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VACCINATION OPTIONS EXPAND FOR OLDER ADULTS

In response to Gov. Gavin Newsom's announcement yesterday to begin vaccinating people over 65, Shasta County Public Health will make vaccine available to people age 75 and older starting Tuesday, Jan. 19. People 65 and older will be eligible starting Feb. 1. More information on how these groups can sign up to be vaccinated will be announced as soon as details are finalized.

Shasta County residents who are healthcare personnel or 75 years of age and older are welcome to call Shingletown Medical Center at 474-3390 to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated. Public Health is working with other local clinics to schedule eligible groups for vaccine, as well as enrolling additional medical offices with the state so they can also vaccinate people. Please watch www.ShastaReady.org (click on "Vaccinations") for instructions when your group is eligible.

Meanwhile, Public Health and its partners continue to vaccinate people at highest risk of exposure, including health care personnel and long-term care residents and staff. Shasta County Public Health has received 11,075 vaccines so far, which does not include vaccine provided through the federal government to the Veterans Administration or to local tribal clinics. Demand far exceeds supply. The county has approximately 14,000 licensed healthcare workers and 36,500 residents over age 65, so it will take some time to vaccinate all people who wish to receive vaccine, and each person needs two doses. While Shasta County is following the state rollout plan, each county is going at a different pace, depending on the number of healthcare workers they have, the amount of vaccine they receive, etc.

“We are doing our best to get vaccines into arms as quickly as possible, and we appreciate people’s patience as we navigate through this monumental task,” said Shasta County Health Officer Karen Ramstrom. “We are doing everything we can to bring more vaccine into our county so we can get our most vulnerable people protected as soon as possible.”

In addition, a mass vaccination clinic is planned for Saturday, Jan. 16, at Benton Airpark in Redding for In Home Supportive Services providers who provide services outside of their home and have multiple clients, and to Community Health Workers who do hands-on, direct patient care and do not work for a health center or hospital. Hours for last names between A-M are 9 to 11:30 a.m., and for last names between N-Z, hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Please bring:**

- [Completed pre-registration paperwork](#)
- Identification and proof of employment as an IHSS worker or Community Health Worker
- Please **do not** attend a mass vaccination clinic if you have a history of anaphylaxis or severe allergies.

Please refer to www.ShastaReady.org (click on “Vaccinations”) to see which people fit into which phases in the rollout plan.

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