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## **COVID-19 Vaccination: Who's Eligible, How to Sign Up, and What's Coming Next**

*Info, Links to Schedule Appointments at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>*

**Lake County, CA (February 26, 2021)** – The weather-related setbacks of last week are now behind us, and COVID-19 vaccine clinics are back up and running in Lake County. Next week, Public Health will resume our usual schedule of clinics, and we aim to administer 500-1,000 doses per clinic day (first and second doses, combined):

- **Lakeport:** Monday and Tuesday, 10am-4pm, Lakeport Auto Movies (52 Soda Bay Rd)
- **Clearlake:** Thursday and Friday, 10am-4pm, Redbud Park (14655 Lakeshore Dr)

Other partners in the community are also vaccinating people, including Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, Sutter, Adventist, and Safeway (in Lakeport, only) and North Lake Medical Pharmacies. This broader accessibility is a great positive.

We have vaccinated 15-20% of the adult population in Lake County, including most of the nursing home residents, health care workers, and teachers and school staff. This will help us a lot in the coming months. Since vaccinating the nursing home residents, we have not had any cases there. This is a tremendous change from a few months ago, and shows what may lie in store for us as we get to late spring and summer.

Unfortunately, vaccine supply is still not enough to meet the demand, so we have to limit appointments to people that qualify in the State's phased system. How does this work right now in Lake County?

### **FIRST DOSE APPOINTMENTS**

***Step 1: Make sure you are eligible. Currently, these are people who are:***

- In Phase 1A, but didn't previously get their shot;
- 65 years or older;
- Staff working with elders (IHSS workers, Senior center, meals on wheels);
- K-12 School staff;
- Childcare or preschool workers; and
- Farmworkers

We are hoping to permanently extend eligibility to food service workers in the next week or two.

On March 15, people aged 16-64 with certain chronic medical conditions that make them more susceptible to severe COVID-19 complications will become eligible:

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

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

Links to schedule get updated every few days. If you try it, and you are told the clinic is full, try for a different day. The links for next week will be posted soon.

*No internet access?*

- Seniors: call 707-[993-4644](tel:7079934644), for assistance
- Farmworkers, on Fridays 9am-5pm: call 707-[262-4162](tel:7072624162); 707-[262-4153](tel:7072624153); or 707-[262-4159](tel:7072624159) for help

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

**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.

## **SECOND DOSE APPOINTMENTS**

You may have been given a follow-up appointment at the time of your first dose, but with the changes in clinic days and locations, these have been changing a lot. We apologize for any confusion.

You should receive a call to schedule your follow-up. We have had trouble keeping up with these calls, but everyone has been attempted no later than the day before the second dose appointment. If you have not received a call, please email us at [MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov), or call 707-263-8174, with your name, date of birth, phone number, email address and the date of your first shot. We will put together a list and get back in touch with you to schedule.

Thank you to those that are getting vaccinated, when eligible. You are helping to protect your communities!

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