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## **Information for Those Aged 65 and Older Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine**

Governor Newsom today announced that the state is prioritizing individuals 65 and older to receive the vaccine as demand subsides among health care workers. The Governor also said those in Phase 1A – health care workers and long-term care residents – remain the highest priority to receive vaccines. Demand for the vaccines continues to exceed supply.

Currently, Monterey County continues to vaccinate health care workers in Phase 1a Tiers 1,2 and 3. Vaccine remains in limited supply. Monterey County's current inventory has been dedicated to the health care worker immunization clinics occurring this week.

When there is enough vaccine to expand vaccination options, Monterey County will share that information widely along with when and how those who are eligible can get vaccinated. The Monterey County Health Department has been working for the last few months preparing for this aspect of vaccine rollout, including making plans for mass vaccination clinics.

For those who are age 65 and older and are interested in getting vaccinated, the Monterey County Health Department is working in partnership with local health care providers to make vaccination opportunities available to you as soon as possible. Please continue to practice COVID-19 prevention measures such as staying home as much as possible, wearing a face covering, and practicing physical distancing.

Stay updated on Monterey County's COVID-19 vaccination schedule at [www.mtyhd.org/covidvaccine](http://www.mtyhd.org/covidvaccine)