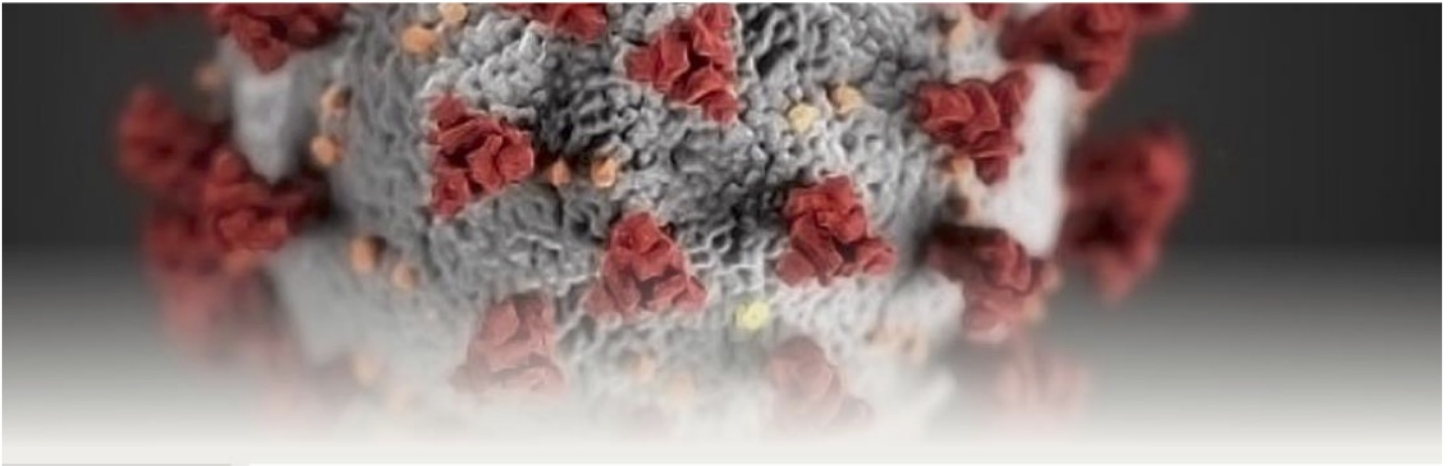


# COVID-19 Vaccine Resources



The public Health Departments for Merced and Stanislaus counties have iterated once again to all health providers that patients must receive their vaccines in the county that they reside.

In order for our Pioneer Drug stores to comply please call your local store:

Newman (Stanislaus county) @ 862-2955

Gustine (Merced county) @ 854-1007

and be placed on our Covid-19 vaccination waiting list. This will allow our staff to coordinate your appointment when we receive our vaccine allotments. Currently we are allowed to vaccinate individuals who currently fall with the California guideline as of February 24<sup>th</sup> 2021:

<b>Healthcare workers and long-term care residents (Phase 1A)</b>	<b>Now vaccinating</b>
<b>People with a high chance of exposure and those 65 or older (Phase 1B)</b>  Sector populations with high chance of exposure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agriculture and food</li><li>• Education and childcare</li><li>• Emergency services</li></ul>	<b>Now vaccinating</b>
<b>Individuals age 16 or older at higher risk</b>  People with <u>certain significant high-risk</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical conditions</li><li>• Disabilities</li><li>• Illnesses</li><li>• Living spaces</li><li>• Work environments</li></ul>	<b>Now vaccinating</b>
<b>Individuals 50 or older</b>	<b>Starts April 1, 2021</b>
<b>Every Californian 16 or older</b>	<b>Starts April 15, 2021</b>
Vaccination of people younger than 16 will start as soon as the COVID-19 vaccines are approved for them	

For more up to date information please visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Vaccinations are available for those at higher risk for serious COVID-19 illness. This includes those with certain significant, high-risk medical conditions, disabilities, illness, living spaces, or work environments.

Individuals with these conditions are strongly encouraged to check first with your usual health care provider. They can advise if you can get your vaccination with them, or in an alternate clinical setting.

### **Health conditions**

Healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals aged 16-64 who are [deemed to be at highest risk](#) to get very sick from COVID-19 due to the following severe 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%

### **Disabilities or illness**

Healthcare providers may also vaccinate individuals with developmental or other severe disabilities or illness if:

- The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection
- Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to get ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival