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Kern County Residents in All 3 Tiers of Phase 1a Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination

Effective immediately, all priority groups within Phase 1a of the COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule are now able to be vaccinated in Kern County. This follows the announcement by California Department of Public Health that COVID-19 vaccines should be immediately administered to individuals in all tiers of Phase 1a.

California's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan is prioritized based on high risk groups that are defined in several phases as well as tiers within those phases.

The following priority groups are now eligible in Phase 1a – Tier 3:

- Specialty clinics
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are one of the most important interventions to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health is working with state and local partners to be transparent, careful, and above all, equitable in efforts to provide a COVID-19 vaccine to everyone who needs and requests vaccination.

Residents are urged to continue practicing healthy habits such as hand washing, physical distancing and wearing a face covering when in public.

For more information, visit our website at <https://kernpublichealth.com/coronavirus-vaccine/> for current vaccination information and resources. Additionally, an interactive map is now available identifying community providers who are currently offering vaccinations.

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