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Ages 50+ Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine Beginning Tomorrow

Beginning April 1, individuals 50 years old and older become eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in Kern County. Last week the State announced this expansion, as well as those age 16+ becoming eligible on April 15.

MyTurn has been updated to allow those age 50+ to register and appointments can be scheduled now by visiting [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or by calling the Public Health Call Center at 661-321-3000. Staff are ready to assist our community to make vaccination appointments and are available to answer questions Monday through Friday, from 8AM to 5PM.

The Kern County Fairgrounds Mass Vaccination Clinic has open appointments this week from Wednesday through Saturday. At this clinic, vaccines are free, it is ADA compliant, no ID is required, and our friendly staff are ready to serve our residents.

Since its January 27 launch, the Fairgrounds Mass Vaccination Clinic has administered over 40,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine to our community. Beginning with a daily average of 500 doses, we have continued to grow and today we expect to have our biggest day with over 1900 appointments scheduled.

Public Health urges residents to continue to stay safe, practice healthy habits and to get vaccinated when it's your turn. Together we will end this pandemic and we thank our residents for all you have done to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Kern County.

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