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Additional Moderna Vaccines Coming to Kings County

Hanford, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation that an additional 900 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines should arrive at Kings County early next week. Additionally, on January 20, 2021, Dr. Erica Pan, California State Epidemiologist, stated: “Providers that paused vaccine administration from the Moderna lot 41L20A can immediately resume.” Administration of Moderna vaccines from lot 41L20A had been paused since Sunday, January 17, 2021, due to possible allergic reactions. After examining all the evidence collected regarding seven (7) allergic reactions, the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup and additional allergy and immunology specialists “found no scientific basis to continue the pause”, said Dr. Pan. KCDPH vaccination staff will continue to exercise vigilance in monitoring patients for allergic reactions after receiving the shot.

Sectors and populations currently prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccines include all Phase 1A Tiers, and individuals age 65 or older that are part of Phase 1B, Tier 1. Vaccine supplies are still very limited and those individuals that are at the highest risk of death or serious illness due to COVID-19 infection will continue to be prioritized. This involves maintaining an inventory of enough vaccines for second doses, which affects the availability of first dose appointments.

Currently, the demand for vaccines far exceeds the supply available. “Public Health staff are working 7 days a week to ensure vaccines are reaching eligible populations, per the State’s guidance,” said Nichole Fisher, Nursing Division Manager for KCDPH. “We understand the frustration that some eligible residents might be experiencing when trying to schedule an appointment for the vaccines and we want to assure them that we will continue to provide updates and make appointments available as more vaccines are received.”

Individuals that are part of a Phase 1A sector/population should contact the KCDPH at (559) 852-2002 to schedule an appointment, or be placed on a waitlist. The KCDPH will continue to prioritize these groups through January 29, 2021, after which time appointments will be made available to additional sectors/populations.

Individuals age 65 or older are the only population from Phase 1B, Tier 1 that is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine at this moment. Kings County residents that are age 65 or older should contact their nearest clinic to schedule an appointment while supplies last, or be placed on a waitlist pending receipt of additional vaccine doses.

Avenal: Aria Health - 148 King Street, (559) 386-9000

Corcoran: Kings County Public Health - 1002 Dairy Avenue, (559) 852-2002

Hanford: Aria Health - 329 W. 8th Street, (559) 582-2500

Kettleman City: Aria Health - 304 Becky Pease, (559) 386-4501

Lemoore: Aria Health - 209 C Street, (559) 924-7005

Stratford: Aria Health - 20326 Main St., (559) 947-3500

Please visit the www.kingscovidinfo.com Vaccine Information webpage for up-to-date information including when additional sectors/populations become eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.