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Stanislaus County Expands COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Stanislaus County, CA — The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has announced that COVID-19 vaccine eligibility will expand to people aged 50 and over, beginning on April 1st, 2021. In conjunction with this expansion of eligibility, the CDPH allows provider discretion to vaccinate those who live in high-impact areas (Healthy Places Index Quartiles 1 and 2). In Stanislaus County, 23 of 24 ZIP codes are in Healthy Places Index (HPI) Quartiles 1 or 2. Therefore, beginning on Thursday, April 1st, Stanislaus County will expand COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all County residents aged 16 and over.

“Stanislaus County is home to some of the most heavily impacted areas in the state, with 23 of our 24 ZIP codes identified in HPI quartiles one and two,” said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Public Health Officer. “As Stanislaus County does not want to have more restrictive eligibility than the State, we will open up vaccination to all Stanislaus County residents 16 years and older on April 1, 2021.”

Stanislaus County Public Health has four stationary COVID-19 vaccine clinics, all offering appointments 48 hours before clinics open, and accepting walk-ins on a first-come, first-served basis while vaccine supplies last. To make an appointment, please visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255. Eligibility on the State’s MyTurn appointment system may not reflect local eligibility for those under age 50, however the County’s clinics will continue to provide no-appointment walk-in vaccinations while supplies last each day. While everyone living in Stanislaus County over the age of 16 will be eligible to get vaccinated beginning April 1st, there will not immediately be enough vaccine for everyone to receive it, and Pfizer is still the only vaccine approved for individuals that are 16 and 17-years old. To view details about vaccine clinics and the type of vaccines being administered in Stanislaus County, please visit schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/ or call (209) 558-7535.

Stanislaus County Public Health continues to work closely with all our partners in the Emergency Operations Center to address the COVID-19 pandemic through guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other partners. For more information on the cases in Stanislaus County, please visit www.schsa.org/coronavirus.

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