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## **Public Health Announces New Resources and Eligibility for the COVID Vaccine**

*Residents responsible for tracking and scheduling their second dose*

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Late last week, Butte County Public Health (BCPH) was officially notified that first doses of the COVID-19 vaccination are now available through CVS Pharmacy in Gridley as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Additionally, the State announced vaccine priority for persons at high risk for COVID complications.

### **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program: CVS Pharmacy | 260 Spruce Street in Gridley**

As of Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the CVS Pharmacy in Gridley has been selected by the State to participate in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. COVID-19 Vaccinations at CVS are available by appointment only and are available to those currently eligible to receive the vaccine in Butte County, including persons 65+ and healthcare workers. CVS is open seven days a week.

### **Book a vaccination appointment at CVS in Gridley:**

- Online at: [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)
- By phone at: 800-746-7287 - Please do not call the Gridley CVS Pharmacy directly.

### **Priority Vaccination for Persons at High Risk - effective March 15th**

Beginning March 15, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals age 16-64 who are deemed to be at the very highest risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 as a direct result of one or more severe health conditions. The State has developed a specific list of qualifying conditions that vaccinators must follow. To view the list, visit the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provider bulletin: [tinyurl.com/1pk4kmuu](http://tinyurl.com/1pk4kmuu).

BCPH has requested clarification from CDPH about how residents with qualifying health conditions should get approval as the CDPH guidance states that healthcare providers will use their clinical judgement.

It's important to note that the current vaccine priority, which includes persons 65+, may still be getting vaccinated through the month of March. Persons at high risk will be eligible to receive the vaccination in Butte County once the current priority group has neared completion and based on vaccine supply from the State.

### **Second Dose Community Vaccination Clinics**

BCPH, along with their healthcare partners, are beginning the process of offering second doses of the vaccine. Residents are asked to be patient during this process and understand that everyone who received their first dose is guaranteed a second dose.

### **How will you be informed when and where to get a second dose of the vaccine?**

In most cases, residents *will not be notified* individually by BCPH when second dose community clinics are scheduled. Second dose community clinics will be announced on the local news, on the BCPH

Facebook page and on the BCPH COVID Vaccine website. **Residents will need to sign themselves up for their second dose.** All appointments for the second dose are first come, first serve.

Those who received their first dose of the Moderna Vaccine from the community vaccination clinics at Meriam Park from Enloe Medical Center should count approximately 28 days from the first dose to determine eligibility for their second dose. Those who are unable to schedule the second dose exactly 28 days after the first, according to the CDC, may still get the second dose up to 42 days after the first dose. Residents without access to the internet may contact the Vaccine Scheduling Hotline for assistance: 552-3020. Calling this line will not book your appointment faster – if you have internet, booking online is fast and convenient. The hotline is only staffed on specific days based on the current clinics available for booking.

Residents who received their first dose from a community clinic other than at the Chico Meriam Park location, should follow information released from where they received their first dose. Depending on where residents got their first dose, their second dose may have been scheduled already.

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