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Health Advisory

To: Healthcare Providers
From: Robert Bernstein, M.D. (signed original on file)
Date: December 23, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel

This is an important message regarding COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare personnel.

The role of Butte County Public Health is to facilitate vaccine allocation and distribution from the State to local healthcare providers by following a phased and prioritized approach based on supply, safety, equity and transparency. **There will not be enough vaccine to cover the entire Butte County healthcare workforce initially.** BCPH is following the [recommendations](#) and [guidance](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and California Department of Public Health.

When confronted with the difficult task of considering the prioritized distribution and administration of COVID-10 vaccine while supply is low, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), as well as California's Drafting Guidelines Workgroup (DGW) and Community Vaccine Advisory Committee (CCVAC) have all structured their frameworks around equitably balancing the two main goals of preventing morbidity and mortality; and preservation of societal functioning. This is illustrated in the slide from ACIP at the bottom of this message, which places healthcare personnel in Phase 1a of vaccine distribution.

CDPH, CDGW and the CCVAC had the even tougher job of sub prioritizing Phase 1a health care personnel because all health care personnel are critical, essential, and experience risk of exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace. The DGW, CCVAC and CDPH developed a tiered system to provide an order within which they recommend that Local Health Departments offer COVID-19 vaccination to personnel in order to fulfill these goals of minimizing mortality, and preserving societal function while the supply of vaccine and capacity to vaccinate are low.

Butte County Public Health will be allocating and distributing doses based on this CDPH-recommended order below:

Tier 1

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
 - Also, in concordance with ACIP, residents in these settings
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

Tier 2

- Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care
- Home health care and in-home supportive services
- Community health workers, including promotoras
- Public health field staff
- Primary Care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

Tier 3

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

All health care personnel will have the opportunity to be vaccinated

Statewide vaccination has been initiated, starting with Tier 1. Currently, vaccine is only available to individuals in Tier 1. Once all individuals eligible for and interested in vaccination in Tier 1 have accessed vaccine, we will be moving on to offer vaccine to individuals in the next tier. Butte County Public Health has coordinated with Tier 1 vaccinators and vaccinees already at this time. *Do not contact Enloe, or Butte County Public Health entities to schedule vaccination.*

Butte County Public Health is preparing for Tier 2 and Tier 3 vaccination, and is finalizing where and how healthcare personnel in these tiers will be accessing COVID-19 vaccination. If you have not been contacted directly by BCPH either for your staff to receive vaccination or to register with CDPH as a vaccine provider, then your office is not in the current prioritized tier. Please wait to be contacted to coordinate your office's vaccination. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

For more information, on how these recommendations are developed, please see the [Drafting Guidelines Workgroup](#) and [Community Vaccine Advisory](#) Committee webpages. Additionally, the BCPH COVID-19 vaccine page will be routinely updated as new information is available, and once the vaccine supply is sufficient, a providers webpage will post open vaccine provider registration information. (www.buttecounty.net/ph/COVID19/vaccine).

The slide image below illustrates the framework on which the CCVAC’s recommendations are based in accordance with guidelines from CDC’s ACIP:

Work Group considerations: Balancing Goals

	Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality	Preservation of Societal Functioning
1a	LTCF residents	Health care personnel
1b	Persons 75 years and older	Frontline Essential Workers
1c	Persons 65-74 years Persons 18-64 with high-risk medical conditions	Other Essential Workers

- Ensure safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines
- Ensure equity in vaccine allocation and distribution