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# COVID-19 Update I

January 19, 2020

## Summary of Recent Actions

LA County is currently vaccinating individuals who are in Phase 1A, Tiers 1-3. These individuals are Healthcare Workers.

LA County is expecting to begin Phase 1B Tier 1 early February 2021. Phase 1B Tier 1 includes:

- **Persons 65 years and older**
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:
  - **Education and Childcare**
  - Emergency services
  - Food and agriculture

All YPICS staff are considered part of the Education and Childcare section for Phase 1B- Tier 1.

However, Supervisor Hilda Solis just signed an executive order stating LA County will be expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to residents 65 and older starting Thursday. There are still concerns regarding the availability of vaccines to cover the number of **people 65 years and older**.

The information below is intended to keep you informed about the changes that will impact you and your families, and our school and school community. If you have questions please feel free to Slack Mr. Dueñas.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTIVELY VACCINATING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE 1A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frontline Healthcare Workers</li> <li>• Staff &amp; Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities</li> <li>• Staff &amp; Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHASE 1B</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>Early February</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Check back often for updates.</p>
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## LA County supervisor signs order expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to residents 65 and older

LOS ANGELES (KABC) – Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis signed an executive order on Monday making COVID-19 vaccines available to residents aged 65 and older, despite health officials' desire to finish inoculating medical workers amid a limited supply of medication.

Solis' order will allow residents 65 and older to start making vaccine appointments starting Thursday. "If we are to ever get out of this dark winter, it is critical that we make headway vaccinating people 65 years of age and older as soon as possible - in line with Governor Gavin Newsom's recommendations," Solis said in a statement.

"That is why I signed an Executive Order today directing the County's Department of Public Health to make COVID-19 vaccinations appointments available to residents 65 years of age and older, beginning on January 21, 2021 - this is to allow for public health officials to adequately prepare for the rollout of the vaccine to this population."

The state opened vaccine eligibility to people 65 and older earlier in the month, but L.A. County is lagging behind other Southern California counties in opening up vaccinations to that group.

County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer last week said the county would not offer vaccines to people 65 and older until vaccinations of front-line health care workers were completed. That process was expected to last until the end of the month. Ferrer noted that expanding the availability of the shots was largely dependent on the local supply of vaccines.

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There was no immediate word on what impact Solis' order would have on the county's vaccine supply, and its ability to complete vaccinations of health care workers. Supply of the vaccine is already limited, particularly following word last week that a federal stockpile of doses had already vanished.

## ABC News Report about LA County Executive Order

### YPICS HR Meeting with Kaiser

The HR team will be meeting with representative from Kaiser this month to try to get better details. We will keep you updated as we get more details about how Kaiser will support our staff to get vaccinated.

You may have received the email below from Kaiser.



### Email from Kaiser Permanente

#### Providing you the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine supply and distribution.

With the recent announcement that California vaccine guidelines were expanded to include everyone age 65 and older, we've received many inquiries regarding eligibility and access to the COVID-19 vaccine. We want to provide an update with the latest information on vaccine supply and distribution.

#### Vaccine supply

Expanding California vaccine guidelines to include everyone age 65 and older increases eligibility by nearly 6 million people in the state. Unfortunately, the vaccine supply to distributors has not yet been increased to vaccinate that many people. Right now, vaccines are in extremely short supply for all vaccine distributors across the country, including Kaiser Permanente.

As a vaccine distributor, Kaiser Permanente is organized and prepared to distribute the vaccine as we receive supply. As of January 16, we have administered more than 170,000 vaccines in California. Each week, we receive a fraction of the vaccine required to meet our demand. Kaiser Permanente cares for more than 1.5 million members age 65 and older, and last week we received a vaccine supply of just 20,000 first doses. Our ability to expand and speed vaccine distribution depends on vaccine supply made available to our state. At the current rate, we're looking at vaccine distribution that is much slower than any of us find acceptable. We're doing all we can to get additional vaccine supply as soon as possible.

#### Vaccine distribution

Like many, consistent with state recommendations and due to the vaccine supply shortage, we're currently continuing to vaccinate the following priority groups:

- Health care workers
- Long-term care patients

As supply becomes available, we'll begin offering vaccine appointments to individuals age 75 and older in alignment with [California Department of Public Health guidelines](#).

We'll reach out to our members as vaccines and appointments become available for them. It's not necessary to email, call us, or go online for appointments until we've contacted you first. Please note that primary care physicians can't book appointments for vaccines.

#### What to do now

- **If you're a health care worker**, please complete an [e-visit](#).
- **If you're age 75 or older**, we'll contact you directly as vaccine supply becomes available and we'll provide you with instructions on how to make an appointment.
- **For all Kaiser Permanente members**, stay up to date — for the latest information on when other groups may be able to get the vaccine, visit [kp.org/covidvaccine](https://kp.org/covidvaccine). You can also call our 24/7 recorded message hotline at **1-855-550-0951** (available in English and Spanish) for regular updates.

#### The pace of vaccination is dependent on supply

We're committed to getting COVID-19 vaccines to our members and communities as soon and as equitably as possible. We've added capacity so that as more supplies become available, we'll be able to vaccinate many more members at additional locations.

We anticipate vaccine supply to ramp up over the coming weeks — but vaccine supply and eligibility may vary across counties and cities. We'll keep you updated on vaccine eligibility and availability.

In the meantime, please continue to stay home, wear a mask, and protect yourself and your loved ones. Your health remains our top priority — today, tomorrow, and always.

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