



# Transition to Statewide Vaccine Delivery Network

## **Background:**

California is in the process of shifting from a COVID-19 vaccination system in which local health jurisdictions allocate vaccines within their communities to a Statewide Vaccine Delivery Network administered by Blue Shield of California. The goal is to accelerate the delivery of vaccine safely and equitably across the state, increasing capacity for the delivery of vaccines from approximately one million doses per week in January to four million doses per week by the end of April.

## **Guiding Principles:**

- Build on the system’s existing capacity and vaccination processes that are working while enhancing state oversight of the vaccine supply and accountability for all doses
- Promote equity in the delivery of vaccine by supporting sites in communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19 infection and death
- Simplify access and support the unified state movement through vaccine prioritization tiers with a single vaccination portal for all Californians to make appointments
- Adjust allocations statewide to maximize efficiency in the delivery of vaccine (no doses sitting in freezers)

## **March 1: County Transition Process Begins, Blue Shield Implements State-Approved Doses to Local Health Jurisdictions**

- All providers and local health jurisdictions will move to a uniform, state-directed eligibility criteria, eliminating confusion on who is eligible to receive a vaccine on a county by county basis.
- Blue Shield of California will begin making allocation recommendations – based on criteria set by the state – to state officials for doses delivered the following week. The state will make final allocation decisions, continuing to use the existing split which prioritizes 70 percent of doses for those 65+ and the other 30 percent in the educational and childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture sectors. Included in that is the 10 percent set aside for educational and childcare workers. This allocation is for first doses only, with second doses being sent to the provider who administered the first vaccination dose.
  - The data-driven allocation criteria will continue to evolve to reach equity targets, and will be adjusted to reflect newly-eligible populations.
- Wave 1 and Wave 2 counties continue onboarding. (See waves below.)
- In partnership with the counties, continue targeted equity strategies in place, such as farmworker mobile and pop-up sites, opening clinics in lowest quartile HPI tracts, etc.

## **March 31: Blue Shield Takes Full Management Responsibility for Statewide Vaccine Network and Vaccine Allocation**

- Over time, only local health jurisdictions and providers who are contracted to provide vaccinations as part of the network will be eligible to receive vaccine doses and administer vaccinations.
- All providers in the Network will report vaccinations using the My Turn reporting tool or the bridge enabling them to report into the state’s registry using their existing electronic health records systems.

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- California will require Blue Shield to continue allocating to achieve equity in administration of the vaccine, with health equity experts at the Department of Public Health determining an allocation formula aimed at ensuring communities most impacted by COVID-19 receive a disproportionate share of vaccines.
  - The Department of Public Health and Blue Shield will work closely with Local Health Departments to understand and support local equity plans and to help ensure that network providers address specific populations needs and that outreach and education plans to reach high-risk populations are in place.

Wave 1:	Wave 2:	Wave 3:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresno</li> <li>• Imperial</li> <li>• Kern</li> <li>• Kings</li> <li>• Madera</li> <li>• Merced</li> <li>• Riverside</li> <li>• San Joaquin</li> <li>• Stanislaus</li> <li>• Tulare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amador</li> <li>• Butte</li> <li>• Calaveras</li> <li>• Colusa</li> <li>• El Dorado</li> <li>• Glenn</li> <li>• Inyo</li> <li>• Lake</li> <li>• Lassen</li> <li>• Los Angeles</li> <li>• Monterey</li> <li>• Nevada</li> <li>• Orange</li> <li>• Placer</li> <li>• Sacramento</li> <li>• San Benito</li> <li>• San Bernardino</li> <li>• San Diego</li> <li>• San Luis Obispo</li> <li>• Shasta</li> <li>• Sierra</li> <li>• Solano</li> <li>• Sonoma</li> <li>• Sutter</li> <li>• Tehama</li> <li>• Trinity</li> <li>• Tuolumne</li> <li>• Ventura</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alameda</li> <li>• Alpine</li> <li>• Contra Costa</li> <li>• Del Norte</li> <li>• Humboldt</li> <li>• Marin</li> <li>• Mariposa</li> <li>• Mendocino</li> <li>• Modoc</li> <li>• Mono</li> <li>• Napa</li> <li>• Plumas</li> <li>• San Francisco</li> <li>• San Mateo</li> <li>• Santa Barbara</li> <li>• Santa Clara</li> <li>• Santa Cruz</li> <li>• Siskiyou</li> <li>• Yolo</li> <li>• Yuba</li> </ul>