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Yolo County Transitions to MyTurn for Vaccine Appointments and Expands Vaccine Eligibility to Residents 16+

(Woodland, CA) – In an effort to expedite access to COVID-19 vaccination doses, Yolo County will open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all residents 16+ starting April 13, ahead of the State's announced 16+ expansion on April 15. In addition, residents will be able to sign up for vaccination appointments, including those at County-run clinics, through the State of California's <u>MyTurn system</u>.

"With vaccine supply remaining limited, we didn't expect to open up appointments to all adults early, but we had appointments for 50+ going unfilled last week. These safe and effective vaccines are too precious to leave sitting in freezers," said Yolo County Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson. "The vaccine is our ticket back to normal, and I encourage everyone 16 and older to get vaccinated as soon as they can. The sooner we reach herd immunity, the more protected we all will be against more infectious variant strains."

This week, the County is planning three public first dose clinics, including:

- Wednesday, April 14 at the Herbert Bauer M.D. Building in Woodland
- Thursday, April 15 at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento
- Friday, April 16 at UC Davis' Visitor Parking Lot 1 in Davis (This clinic will be using Pfizer; those 16-17 may sign up)

To sign up for these slots and those at pharmacies and healthcare providers, residents must register for a vaccine appointment by visiting MyTurn at: <u>https://myturn.ca.gov</u>. Residents who do not have internet access or who need assistance registering an appointment through MyTurn can call the State's COVID-19 hotline at (833) 422-4255 to speak directly with operators in English or Spanish and access an additional 254 languages via third-party translators. Residents can also call 211 Yolo or toll free at (866) 855-1783 for vaccine information or if they need an in-home vaccine. The vaccine is completely free for everyone regardless of health care insurance and does not require eligibility verification.

As part of a statewide directive, Yolo County began transitioning to the State's MyTurn system in February, first allowing residents to be notified when they were eligible for vaccination and now expanding its use to allow residents to book an appointment. Following trial periods in Los Angeles and San Diego counties, the State has since begun to expand usage of MyTurn to all county and health care vaccine providers. The transition to MyTurn will allow for a centralized registration system for scheduling vaccine appointments. In late March, Yolo County conducted a successful pilot vaccine clinic using MyTurn. Effective April 9, vaccine providers are able to limit appointment access to those living or working in a specific county, ensuring that Yolo County's limited vaccine supply will be used by people connected to Yolo County.

Daniel Kim Interim County Administrator Residents should continue to follow public health guidance even after they've been vaccinated, including wearing a face covering in public, practicing physical distancing, avoiding large gatherings and opting for outdoor activities to continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

For more information about Yolo County's COVID-19 vaccine distribution process, visit <u>www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine</u>. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/</u> or Twitter at: <u>https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA</u>.

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