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To: California Sign Language Interpreters

From: California Affiliate Chapters of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: SaVRID, NorCRID, SCRID, SDCRID, and CCRID

Re: COVID-19 Vaccination schedule and procedures for in-person interpreters in CA

Greetings to California RID Affiliate Chapter Members,

Please see the following information regarding obtaining COVID-19 vaccination in the state of California. This vaccination is optional, but currently available to in-person patient interpreters under Phase 1a of the vaccination schedule. This phase is currently open state-wide. As phases progress, the vaccine will become available to in-person interpreters working in other sectors as well. For example, if working in schools, interpreters fall under “Education and Child Care” in Phase 1b, Tier1. If working in another government setting like the courts, interpreters fall under “Government Operations and Community Based Essential Functions.” To learn about the work sectors, please refer to <https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>.

Vaccine Information from the State of California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

- A few points of interest on this site:
 - COVID-19 vaccinations are to be provided and administered at no cost;
 - It is recommended to be vaccinated even if you have had COVID-19;
 - The State is working on a state-wide registration/notification system;
 - Employment-based tier classifications*;
 - Link to county websites for local vaccine distribution information (also included below).

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/CDPH-Allocation-Guidelines-for-COVID-19-Vaccine-During-Phase-1A-Recommendations.aspx>

- Link to COVID-19 document stating Medical Interpreters should be included in Phase 1a.

Determine your Eligibility According to Employment-based Tier Classifications

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#When-can-I-get-vaccinated>

- For information on the Phases, please refer to the link directly above, call the COVID call center at 1-833-422-4255, or email covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov.

Where to Register for Your Vaccine

Find your county’s COVID website**:

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-local-information/>

Lightly annotated information on receiving vaccine in Bay Area Counties, as of 1/16/2021:

- <https://abc7news.com/register-for-covid-vaccine-65-and-older-california-how-to-sign-up/9629963/>

Direct link for Los Angeles County Tier 1A vaccine registration:

- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/>

Direct link for Riverside County vaccine registration:

- <https://www.ruhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine>

Direct link for Sacramento County vaccine information:

- <https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/CoronavirusVaccine.aspx>

Direct link for San Diego County COVID-19 vaccine information:

- https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccines.html

Direct link for Fresno County COVID-19 vaccine information:

- <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19>

****Note:** While registration information may be found at the county COVID websites, this link may not take you directly to county vaccine registration pages. When searching your county site for registration information, follow links for healthcare providers, and/or vaccine information. It may prove simpler for you to contact a local healthcare institution to find your specific county's registration site, and/or make an appointment directly.

Documentation Requirements

If you are going to a Department of Public Health vaccination site, you must take one of the 4 sets of documentation listed below to your appointment. If you do not have documentation, you will be asked to return with documentation.

1. Healthcare worker employee badge with photo
OR
2. Professional license **AND** a photo ID
Note: California does not have interpreter licensure so this is non-applicable to CA interpreters
OR
3. Signed letter from your employer on facility letterhead **AND** a photo ID
Note: independent contractors may obtain a letter from contracting agencies, attesting to your work as an interpreter providing in-person interpreting services in healthcare settings, or other settings according to relevant phase
OR
4. Payment stub from a healthcare provider with your name on it **AND** a photo ID

What to Expect at your Vaccination Appointment

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect.html>

Please also remember, following COVID vaccination, it is still critical to follow all safety guidelines, such as masking, social distancing, and hand hygiene. Research indicates that the first dose of vaccine provides approximately 50% immunity from this virus; the second dose provides approximately 95% immunity. It remains critical to follow all health guidelines and safety precautions, regardless of vaccination status.



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Please follow affiliate chapter social media sites, available by clicking the logos above, for posting of further information as it unfolds, as well as to share helpful information regarding your local vaccination experience.

Be well and stay safe everyone! Thank you for your dedication to providing interpreting to our Deaf communities.

Sincerely,

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