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**County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**Special Meeting: Equity and Outreach for Essential Sectors in Phase 1B**

**Members Present:** Ankita Kadakia, Seema Shah, Ruth Kirby, Kristi Koenig, John Malone, Liza Marcial, Gail Knight, Emily Do, Sayone Thihalolipavan, Denise Foster, Mark Sawyer, Daniel Calac, Christian Ramers, Jeannette Aldous, Carey Riccitelli, Kelly Motadel, Wilma Wooten, Rodney Hood, Nikos Gurfield, Matt Jones, Jennifer Wheeler, Laura Chechel, Jeffrey Norris, Nicole Esposito, Merlie Ramira, Denise Lozares, Eric McDonald

**Members Absent:** Carl Medina, Nick Macchione, Jon Montgomery, Samantha Williams, Brett Austin, Jennifer Bransford-Koons, Haruna Feldman, Elizabeth Hernandez, Robert Sills, Anita Walia

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I. Roll call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group called to order by Dr. Kadakia at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021</li> </ul>			

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<p><b>II. Discussion: Equity and Outreach for Essential Sectors in Phase 1B</b></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Vaccine Goal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccinate 70% of SD County population 16 and older by July 1, 2021 an equivalent of 1,882,544 residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Values currently include military families which will be vaccinated by the military – values will be updated once the numbers are provided</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sites are strategically located at or by the Health Equity Quartile areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A new site is being opened in the South Bay/Otay area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vaccinations are steadily increasing, with a steeper increase expected as more vaccine becomes available</li> <li>• Currently 18.9% of SD residents have been vaccinated with one dose, 6.7% of SD residents have been completely vaccinated</li> <li>• 882,150 doses have been received by the County and 742,169 doses have been administered</li> <li>• 77,597 doses available to be administered</li> <li>• There are 276 vaccine providers throughout the County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 major providers to date in order of doses received are Acute Care Hospitals, County PODs, Partner PODs, and FQHCs</li> <li>○ EMT's/Paramedics are considered part of PODs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There are 3 levels of pharmacy vaccinations: CDC Federal Partnership vaccinating SNFs and LTCFs, CDC partnership with CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens and local pharmacies</li> <li>• COVID 19 vaccine ecosystem is designed with health equity, accessibility and convenience to reach vulnerable populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 7 Outreach and Education providers and 4 community providers focused on reaching latinx, African American, and Asian American populations</li> <li>○ County operated PODs prioritize locations within or adjacent to Health Equity Quartiles</li> <li>○ Operation Collaboration conduct mobile vaccinations for LTCF/SNFs and rural focused vaccine events</li> <li>○ City/Fire agency conduct mobile vaccinations for LTCFs/SNFs and senior communities</li> <li>○ HEAL provides mobile testing to LTCFs/SNFs and will be providing in-home vaccination for home bound seniors</li> <li>○ Project SAVE and 211 assist in making vaccine appointments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns about not reaching certain minorities in proportion to representation in population may be due to sectors they belong to not being open currently</li> </ul> <p><b>Essential Workers and Equity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply is limited, Phase 1A and 65+ demand is beginning to slow down</li> <li>• Opening March 1<sup>st</sup>: Education, Emergency Services, Grocers, Food Service, Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Education</b> Includes private and public schools, pre-K through college <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vaccination coordination will be mostly through San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and University Health Systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Emergency Services</b> includes law enforcement, non-medical staff, correctional staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vaccination coordination will be mostly through Scripps Vaccine Stations – by invitation</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Grocers</b> including franchised convenience stores, mom and pop stores, and large retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vaccine coordination will be through large pharmacies in store for larger grocers and through County sponsored sites for smaller retailers</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Food Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vaccine coordination will be through County sponsored sites</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Agriculture</b> including food processing plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vaccine coordination will be through CalFire and FQHCs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• March 15 a large sector opening: persons 16-64 with underlying conditions/comorbidities</li> <li>• Unsheltered population in North Coastal, East County need to be reached – will HOT teams be available for outreach?</li> </ul> <p><b>Johnson and Johnson Vaccine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being considered Friday 2.26.2021, if approval process moves forward vaccine can be delivered by Monday 3.1.2021</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johnson and Johnson is more effective against the South African variant and preventing hospitalization</li> <li>• Feedback received indicates concern about this vaccine being administered to minorities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strategy is needed to address concern/perception</li> <li>○ Johnson and Johnson is more stable at lower temperature facilitating mobility</li> <li>○ If patient does not want Johnson and Johnson they will be given the option to go to a facility for alternate vaccine</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set aside appointments for people in certain zip codes or vulnerable populations i.e. expanding Project SAVE County-wide</li> <li>• Allow walk-up appointments for focused groups of people</li> <li>• Ensure FQHCs are supplied/prioritized to enable continuous access to vaccine for populations served by FQHCs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Direct federal shipments to FQHCs will be more impactful when being enforced</li> <li>○ Health Centers are collaborating to make events more available</li> <li>○ FQHCs need to develop a plan on what is reasonable to administer in 7 days to facilitate allocation</li> <li>○ Difficult for community vaccinators to assure zeroing out of doses – providers have become less effective in administering vaccine due to limitations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Employment a recurring limitation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Direct incentives at employers to promote vaccination among employees that are constantly working e.g. at restaurants having a sign that promotes all employees have been vaccinated, its safe to eat at this location</li> <li>○ Allow employers to sign up all their employees and go to vaccination site or alternatively have a vaccination team go to their campus to administer vaccines</li> <li>○ Offer extended hours at vaccination sites for employees with longer hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Providers need to start discussing vaccine with all patients even if they are not yet eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft letter to state advocating for not zeroing out doses</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will help ensure people that need the vaccine are being vaccinated</li> <li>○ Can begin to dispel vaccine hesitancy</li> <li>○ Media campaign developed and rolling out this week addressing vaccine hesitancy</li> <li>○ Conversation toolbox now has tools for 3 major categories opening 3.1.2021 – if more information is needed please provide feedback to Outreach and Education committee</li> <li>● Need more guidance on State proclamation about reserving doses</li> </ul>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.			
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.</b>			
<b>Submitted by</b>				

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