

From Monterey County Health Department:

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The **Monterey County Health Department** is currently vaccinating those in the healthcare sector, those in skilled nursing facilities and those who are 75 and older.

The next step in the vaccination schedule is to vaccinate those 65 and older. Once the health department has notified us that we are nearing the end of those prioritized vaccinations in Phases 1a and 1b and are approaching the **next tier of Phase 1b, which includes those who work in the education and childcare sectors, you will be notified.**

In preparation for the vaccination clinics, we recommend that employees click [here](#) and [here](#) to watch videos about how vaccines work, visit [here](#) for FAQs about COVID-19 vaccines, and read the vaccine fact sheets from [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer](#). **We do not know which vaccine will be available at each clinic, so it is important to review information on both vaccines. If additional brands of vaccines are available in the future, we will provide you with additional fact sheets.**

In preparation for vaccination planning, please update your information (if not done so already) by Friday, February 12th at 5 p.m. [NPS Vaccine Tracking](#). The survey information is for vaccine planning purposes for our organization.

If you are a **current employee Naval Postgraduate School, working in Monterey County (even if you live within another county)**, and would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccination when you are eligible, there are three ways to do so:

1. Your Primary Care Physician will notify you about how to register to be vaccinated at a primary care site.
2. If you have registered through [MyTurn](#) or on a [local Health Department Vaccine Clinic](#) they will directly notify you about how and where you can make an appointment to be vaccinated
3. Via the Department of Defense receiving the vaccine at the Army Health Clinic at Presidio of Monterey. You will be notified when your phase is available. Make an appointment <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/CalMedCOVIDApp/> and fill out [DHA 207](#) form to bring with you to Appointment

**The vaccinations are entirely voluntary and free of charge. You will receive additional information from us when the education sector is eligible to receive vaccinations in Monterey County.**

We understand there is great urgency amongst residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The State developed the Phases and tiers for vaccine distribution. We have no control over who is eligible for which tiers or when one can receive a vaccine. It is important to note that as the Governor/State adds additional segments of the population to the current or previous eligibility Phase/tier (e.g., 65+ and caregivers to the disabled), there remains only the same amount of vaccine. A larger pool of people vying for the same number of vaccines creates confusion that is

beyond our control to resolve so state and local health officials are asking residents to please continue to be patient during this process and to take the vaccine when you are eligible. Leaders are advocating for additional doses for our county because we are unique in that we have over 200,000 individuals in Phase 1b alone.

Please note: the main goal of our state and county is to vaccinate those at most risk of dying from COVID-19. According to the Monterey County Health Department, deaths in those 64 - 74 years old are 90 times higher than in those 18 - 29-year-olds, and deaths in those 75 and older are 220 - 630 times higher than those in 18 - 29 year olds.