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To: Local health jurisdictions and vaccine providers

From: Tomás J. Aragón, MD, DrPH
CDPH Director & State Public Health Officer

Re: Reminder about vaccine eligibility, eligibility changes and clarifications

On March 15, 2021, vaccine eligibility expanded so it's important to review new eligibility criteria, and to share notifications (including updated clarifications of Phase 1A and Phase 1B).

Verification of eligibility can occur through self-attestation during online or on-site registration, or through health system providers who invite eligible patients based on electronic health records. To encourage only eligible patients to make appointments, all clinical and vaccine providers should share accurate eligibility criteria (see links below). Some vaccine providers may choose to require some type of verification at the vaccination site. If that is the case, patients should be given clear, advanced notice of what documentation to bring.

General and new information is posted on COVID19.CA.GOV's vaccine page <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

Fact Sheet for Public

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/vaccine-high-risk-factsheet.aspx>

CDPH updated Provider Bulletin

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Provider-Bulletin-2-12-21.aspx>

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines (clarifies Phase 1A and Phase 1B)



<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx>

Clinician Health Information Notice (includes behavioral health)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Health-Care-Information-Notice-3-11-21.pdf>

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tomás Aragón". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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