



Department of Health Care Services **BULLETIN 2021-001**

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TO: All Participating Counties and Community-Based Organizations

FROM: Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project (Navigators Project)

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Engagement

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is seeking to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations for persons enrolled in or eligible for the Medi-Cal Program. DHCS is looking to work with our Navigator Project partners to assist with this effort.

DHCS recognizes the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on disadvantaged communities, including many communities of color, which account for a large share of the Medi-Cal beneficiary population. While Medi-Cal COVID-19 vaccination rates are gradually improving across the state, the percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries with at least one dose lags behind the population-at-large rate.

DHCS would like to remind our Navigator Project partners that they can help increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations while assisting vulnerable populations with enrollment into Medi-Cal by simultaneously assisting beneficiaries with vaccination resources and appointments.

DHCS will allow certain activities through the Navigators Outreach and Enrollment Project to facilitate these efforts. Such activities may include:

- Providing information on where to get vaccinated at outreach events
- Assisting with scheduling vaccination appointments
- Developing and distributing outreach material that includes information about vaccinations
- Developing a COVID-19 FAQ handout with links for more information

This is an opportunity for our Navigator Project partners to engage in an effort to get all Californian's vaccinated and decrease the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Below is a list of links with valuable resource information to guide you through these efforts.

- Vaccination Data
 - <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/>
- Getting Your Vaccine
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/your-vaccination.html>

- Popular Vaccination Topics
 - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

If you have any questions please contact your assigned Navigator Project analyst.