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**San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Receive COVID-19 Updates and Take Actions
County vaccinating all Phase 1B sectors; SJReady.org best regional information source for residents**

STOCKTON –San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Park told the Board of Supervisors today that the County’s current case rate is steadily dropping and progressing closer toward the seven percent needed for the County to move from the Purple to the Red Tier along with reducing the case rate to seven per 100,000 residents. The County’s case positivity rate and health equity quartile rate both must also register under eight percent for the County to qualify for the Red Tier threshold. Currently the County holds a 6.6 percent positivity rate, but its health equity quartile is registering at 8.7 percent.

San Joaquin County COVID-19 latest statistics as of February 23, 2021:

- 17.1 percent adjusted case rate
- 6.6 percent positivity rate
- 8.7 percent positivity rate in health equity quartile
- 12.8 percent of the county’s population has received a first dose of a COVID-19vaccine
- 121 COVID-19 current patient hospitalizations
- 42 COVID-19 adult cases in ICU, 41 patients on ventilators
- ICU total patient capacity is at 120 percent
- 66,046 total confirmed COVID-19 cases to date
- 1,039 total COVID-19 deaths to date

More than 12 percent of San Joaquin County residents have received vaccinations. Dr. Park said that vaccines are still being administered to Phase 1A priority groups, which include health care workers and long-term care patients, but that the County has also officially expanded eligibility to all Phase 1B groups as well. Those who qualify for 1B priority groups include people working in education, childcare, emergency services, food, agriculture and those 65 and older.

“Weather problems across the country last week caused delays in anticipated shipments to the County, so we are monitoring our existing supply to ensure that those who received a first dose are able to receive their second,” said Dr. Park. “We do expect to receive both delayed shipments and our regular weekly allocations to arrive this week which will keep us on pace with our planned rollout.”

The County’s vaccination figures to date:

- 78,175 total doses have been allocated to San Joaquin County
- 95,743 total doses have been administered to county residents from allocations received by Public Health, multi-county entities such as hospital systems, and via Walgreens and CVS to skilled nursing facilities under the Federal Pharmacy Partnership
- 69,091 people have received their first dose*. 26,650 have received their second dose*.

**These numbers are based upon doses entered into the Immunization Registry only- actual administered doses are higher.*

Dr. Park told the Board that the County's Public Health Department maintains its pledge to ensure an equitable vaccine rollout. "We continue to host mobile sites and vaccination events at targeted community locations and have invited our more at-risk constituents over age 65 from our vaccine interest form to some of our targeted events. We've also strategically placed some vaccine events in areas where we know people are at risk but may not be technologically savvy and may not be informed about our website."

Dr. Park reported that while San Joaquin County is in the first Tier of counties to be migrated to the Blue Shield Third Party Administrator, the onboarding process has been delayed. The State is requiring all counties to use this uniform system and have all providers be registered on the CalVax system and for everyone to be registered using MyTurn.

"It is upsetting that after all the work our County has done to create a strong local infrastructure, the State is once again making changes to the process by forcing us to use Blue Shield, losing our local control and the systems we have put in place" said Supervisor Tom Patti, Chair of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. "However, we will move forward and continue to vaccinate and work with our partners to try and find a way to make this new system work while at the same time registering our concern over these massive changes."

Even with the uncertainty of the Blue Shield system, Dr. Park noted that the County continues to disburse mobile teams and organize community vaccination events at targeted locations such as mobile home parks where vaccines are being administered to the elderly right inside their homes. The County has also concentrated on high-risk populations such as VA facilities and homeless shelter sites to administer vaccinations.

The Office of Emergency Services also provided an update on the County website, www.sjready.org, which offers residents an important and useful online platform for information about where and when vaccination events are being held. The site, which will soon also be available in Spanish, allows residents to register their interest in receiving a vaccination. The County will then notify residents who have registered when their priority classification becomes eligible. OES also provided an overview of the upcoming vaccination events in the County.

COVID-19 Consent Items:

- Authorized the Airport Director to accept CARES Act funds from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$204,027 and approved the Authorization of Service Agreement With RS&H, California, Inc., to provide engineering services for the development of the Pavement Maintenance Management Program Project, and related budget adjustments in the amount of \$204,027.
- Adopted a resolution in support of the "Let Them Play" movement.
- Retroactively approved an increase to the purchase order with Allied Universal Security Services, LLC, for security services, increasing the amount by \$1,082,980 for the term August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, increasing the overall total not-to-exceed amount to \$4,816,583 for the term August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2021.

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