



# INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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## INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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<https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19>

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Update:** Inyo County's COVID-19 Phase 1A vaccination distribution began Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and has continued throughout the past three weeks. Public Health is working closely with Northern Inyo and Southern Inyo Hospitals on the roll out of vaccine to individuals in the Phase 1B, Tier 1 population. Distribution to Phase 1B, Tier 1 populations will begin this week. However, because the supply of vaccine is limited, and due to the number of recipients who fall within the 1B(1) tier, distribution to these populations will be limited initially and will continue over the coming months. Inyo County Public Health will contact employers with 1B employees over the next few weeks. Persons over the age of 75 will be instructed in how to sign up for vaccine via this newsletter, press releases, and the Inyo County website. Additional information about vaccine roll out will be issued as it becomes available. Persons who believe they are eligible for vaccine in the 1B category should not call the public health office, but should await instruction from their employer or await a public sign up announcement for persons over 75.

- **Information on the Phases and estimated timeframes for vaccine distribution:**

Priority 1A Populations – December 19 – Current

- Healthcare workers and people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities are being offered the first doses of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Tier 1: healthcare workers who work at Acute Care Hospitals, Psychiatric and Correctional Facility Hospitals, Workers and Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long-term Care Facilities, First Responders including EMTs and Paramedics, Healthcare staff at Special Needs Group Living Facilities, and staff at Dialysis and Infusion Centers.
- Tier 2: healthcare workers in Residential Substance Abuse Disorder Facilities, Immediate Care Facilities, Home Health Care Services, Primary Care Clinics, Urgent Care Clinics, Mental Health and Substance Use Outpatient Facilities, Public Health Field staff and Field-based Community Health Workers including Promotores de Salud at high-risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and Regional Centers.
- Tier 3: healthcare workers in Specialty Clinic, Laboratory Workers, Dental and other Oral Health Clinic healthcare workers, Pharmacy staff not working in settings included in Tiers 1 and 2, and COVID-19 Testing staff.

**Who will be vaccinated next?**

### Priority 1B, Tier 1 Populations – Mid-January until complete

- Phase 1B, Tier 1 includes frontline essential workers who cannot work from home and provide critically important services and are at high risk of being exposed to the COVID-19 virus. It also includes older adults over the age of 75 because they are more likely to become very sick if they get COVID-19.

### Tier 1: Beginning mid-January

- Non-medical first responders including law enforcement, fire fighters, front line social workers, people who work with high risk populations such as in homeless shelters,
- Teachers and childcare workers including support staff,
- Essential workers from the Food and Agriculture industries including those who must face the general public every day while working in grocery stores, restaurants, food banks, and food manufacturing,
- Over age 75.

### Tier 2 - Once 1B Tier 1 is complete (Estimate: Mid-Spring 2021)

- 1B, Tier 2 populations includes individuals at high risk of serious illness from COVID 19, and who suffer from other social determinants of health that make the burden of disease especially significant. It also includes essential workers from critical industries necessary to daily life.
- 65-74 years old with underlying conditions that place them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness and death.
- Homeless and unhoused
- Transportation and Logistics Industries
- Industrial, Residential, and Commercial Industries
- Critical Manufacturing
- Incarcerated individuals

### Phase 1C, Tier 1 Populations – Once Phase 1B is Complete (estimate: late Spring/early Summer)

- 65-74 years old
- 16-64 years old with underlying medical conditions that place them at high risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19
- Water and Waste Management, Defense Industry, Chemical and Hazardous Waste Industry, Communications and IT, Financial Services
- Government Operations/Community Services
- General Public – Once Phase 1C is Complete (estimate: late Summer)

- **Inyo County Grant Program for Local Nonprofits:** A digital workshop will be held on January 13 at 3:00 p.m. to provide information about the new Inyo County Community Resiliency Grant program for local nonprofits. The county-funded grant program will provide up to \$10,000 to local nonprofit organizations that play an important role in supporting our local economy. Inyo County recognizes that these nonprofit entities have continued to provide services with significant reductions in revenue due to the pandemic, so during adoption of the Inyo County 2020-21 budget, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$100,000 of the County General Fund to support local economic and community resiliency, and to offset COVID-19 related economic hardships. To attend, participants can log onto the Zoom meeting at <http://bit.ly/IC-CRG>. For more information visit: [https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-01/Nonprofit\\_Grant.pdf](https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-01/Nonprofit_Grant.pdf)
- **Donations Needed:** With the surge in COVID-19 cases, Inyo County is experiencing a shortage of oxygen concentrators. The County is reaching out to the community to ask if anyone has oxygen concentrators that they would be willing to donate to the COVID-19 response effort. Donated

concentrators will enable non-critical COVID patients who need oxygen to receive treatment at home. Anyone who has an oxygen concentrator they no longer need can drop it off at the Bishop Fire Department's main station, 209 W Line St. For more information call 760-873-5485.

**CRITICAL REMINDER - Failure to comply with Health Officer Orders places individuals and our community at increased risk of infection. Violation of Health Officer Orders may also result in a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both (Health and Safety Code §120295).**

### Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

	Global	U.S.	California
Confirmed Cases	90,758,953	22,557,929	2,736,066
Deaths	1,942,206	375,576	30,081

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (01/11/21 – 3:00 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (01/11/21 – 3:00 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (01/11/21 – 3:00 pm)

- **California Department of Public Health Travel Advisory:** On January 6<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health revised the travel advisory, initially released on November 13<sup>th</sup>, issuing the following recommendations:
  - Except in connection with essential travel, Californians should avoid non-essential travel to any part of California more than 120 miles from one's place of residence, or to other states or countries. Additionally, non-essential travelers from other states or countries are strongly discouraged from entering California, and should adhere to the quarantine procedures set forth below.
  - All persons arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries, should self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival, except as necessary to meet urgent critical healthcare staffing needs or to otherwise engage in emergency response. Additionally, this recommendation does not apply to individuals who routinely cross state or country borders for essential travel.

For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>

- **State Issues Public Health Order Ensuring Distribution of Health Care Resources:** On January 5<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health issued a new public health order to reduce pressure on strained hospital systems and redistribute the responsibility of medical care across the state so patients can continue to receive lifesaving care. To preserve services for the sickest patients, the public health order requires some non-essential and non-life-threatening surgeries to be delayed in counties with 10% or less of ICU capacity under the Regional Stay at Home Order where the regional ICU capacity is at 0%. The order will remain in effect for at least three weeks and will continue until rescinded. To ensure a better distribution of patients across the state's hospital system, the order also requires hospitals statewide to accept patient transfers from facilities that have implemented contingency or crisis care guidelines as long as those transfers can be done capably and safely. For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-006.aspx>