

SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INMATE VACCINATION PLAN

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is committed to the safety, security, health and well-being of people in our custody. We continue to provide a safe environment with several mitigation strategies in place. Vaccinations for the remainder of our inmate population will occur in accordance with the tiers or phases of the federal, state and county distribution plan.

Distribution and administration of the vaccine is complex. Vaccinators must receive training from the San Diego County Department of Public Health in preparation for vaccinating our incarcerated individuals. Working in conjunction with our Public Health colleagues at the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), the Sheriff's Department has completed the registration process for starting a Coronavirus vaccination program. As of January 2021, Health staff assigned to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Medical Services Division (MSD) received COVID-19 vaccination training and are authorized to administer the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine.

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In January of 2021, the Sheriff's MSD applied to the California Vaccine Management System (CalVax) to be a receiving/repository site for the COVID-19 Vaccines at our various detention facilities. CalVax requirements for vaccine receiving/repository sites include the following:

- **All receiving/repository sites must provide proof of appropriate cold storage devices including photos, equipment model numbers, and specifications.**
- **Sites must submit data logger reports, calibration certificates, and temperature logs to the County.**
- **Sites must submit proof of completion of EZIZ (<https://eziz.org/eziz-training/>) trainings on vaccine storage and handling.**
- **Sites must track all enrollment details in a database.**

In February 2021, The San Diego County Sheriff's Department MSD Cal Vax application was approved.

The distribution of the Coronavirus vaccines will be conducted in phases. The general categorization of the phases was determined by the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). As the phases are broad and the number of vaccines is limited, individual states formulated more detailed 'tiers'. The San Diego

Sheriff's Department is required to follow the CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) phase and tier system, as implemented by the Health Officer of the County of San Diego.

Each facility will designate an area for administering the vaccine and establish an observation area that will be staffed by qualified health staff to observe and responded to any individuals that may have an adverse reaction to the vaccine.

Phase 1B (Tier One):

Following the CDC recommended vaccination phases, the San Diego Sheriff's Department has begun offering the vaccine on a voluntary basis at our facilities that house our 65+ inmate population. The San Diego Sheriff's Department plans to continue offering vaccine to our 65+ inmate population as needed by holding a vaccination clinic on a bi-weekly basis. Inmates remaining in custody who received the Moderna vaccine will receive their scheduled second dose of vaccine on a pre-designated date, approximately 28 days after the first dose or in accordance with current CDC or CDPH guidance.

Inmates who are scheduled to be released from custody prior to receiving their second vaccine dose will receive a copy of their vaccination card and a flyer with information on how to receive their second dose.

Phase 1B (Tier Two):

All individuals incarcerated with the San Diego Sheriff's Department will qualify to receive the vaccine when Phase 1B (Tier Two) is approved. It is the Sheriff's Department's intent to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to all incarcerated individuals, on a voluntary basis.

Once Phase 1B (Tier Two) is approved, the San Diego Sheriff's Department will begin vaccinating incarcerated individuals, utilizing the following priority order and based on the availability of the vaccine:

- **MEDICALLY HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS**
- **INMATE WORKERS**
- **INMATES ASSIGNED TO DORMITORY HOUSING**
- **GENERAL POPULATION INMATES**

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References:

CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/vaccine-faqs.html>

San Diego County:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccines.html