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Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) Ready to Vaccinate Under New Expanded Eligibility Guidelines

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced expanded eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines effective Monday, March 15, 2021. Under the new expansion, the additional groups are now eligible:

- Those who live, work, or volunteer in any congregate residential setting such as an incarceration/detention facility, homeless shelter, behavioral health facility, etc.
- Public transport workers
- Airport and commercial airline workers (excluding private air travel)
- Janitors
- Those experiencing homelessness
- Anyone currently suffering certain medical conditions (see website for list)
- Those with a severe physical or mental disability so high risk that:
 - A COVID-19 infection is likely to result in severe, life-threatening illness or death.
 - A COVID-19 infection will limit their ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival.
 - Receiving COVID-19 care will be particularly difficult as a result of their disability.

MCDPH Director Sara Bosse says, "We are excited to expand eligibility to these groups and are still continuing our targeted outreach efforts. Every effort is being made to ensure anyone who is at-risk and may have challenges in registering is not left out."

Those eligible may register for a variety of appointment choices this week at Madera County Health and Human Services Campus, Valley Children's Hospital, Oakhurst Community Center, or the Madera Fairgrounds. Registration for any of these sites can be completed at www.maderacounty.com/covid19vaccine or by calling 311.

Visit <u>www.maderacounty.com/covid19vaccine</u> for more information and regular updates. For questions, please utilize the <u>community feedback form</u> or call Madera County 311.

