

COVID-19 vaccinations to be available for higher education employees

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San Diego County officials have announced that the next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations will include the education sector. Beginning **Saturday, February 27,** employees in education may schedule a vaccination through their healthcare provider or by obtaining an appointment at a county location.

In addition to K-12 and higher education employees, this next phase of vaccination eligibility also includes law enforcement, childcare, and food and agriculture, a group of about 500,000 people in San Diego County. County officials say appointments may be difficult to obtain as the vaccine supply becomes available. Additional information and updates, including verification of eligibility, are available at the county's coronavirus website.

Those in the higher education sector who are eligible to receive a vaccine include:

- Employees in community colleges, colleges, universities and other postsecondary education facilities.
- Staff in support services and administration.
- Third-party contractors and volunteers regularly engaged in work on a school campus. To schedule your vaccination appointment:
 - **Healthcare provider:** If you have a doctor or are enrolled in a healthcare system, you may work with them to schedule an appointment. Many providers are notifying their patients directly with the next steps to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - County locations: San Diego County and its partners are offering vaccinations to those
 who are eligible. Appointment information is available at
 www.VaccinationSuperStationSD.com.

We are pleased to have a vaccination site conveniently located on the Cuyamaca College campus that is coordinated by Operation Collaboration, a consortium of fire agencies, at the direction of San Diego County Public Health. Although we had initial discussions with the coordinators about prioritizing GCCCD employees to get their vaccinations at Cuyamaca College, we have been informed that the county has taken over all vaccine sites, and priority

appointments cannot be offered. However, an appointment can be made at Cuyamaca College through the <u>county website</u> if slots are available.

Please be patient but persistent in scheduling a vaccination appointment. Public health experts are urging as many people as possible to get a vaccine to develop herd immunity and end this pandemic. I look forward to the day when we can all meet in person again!

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