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**Colusa County Pivots to Age-Based
Eligibility and Establishes Clinic Scheduling System**

(COLUSA, CA) **March 2, 2021** – Today, the Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) announced pivoting from the State's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccine eligibility matrix to a simple, age-based eligibility. This adjustment will reduce confusion, and allow for a more organized, equitable distribution of vaccine to those most at risk. In addition, Colusa County Public Health will begin administering vaccine directly to Colusa County residents through a series of assigned clinics. Utilizing a new online platform, eligible residents will be able to self-register for individual vaccination appointments as clinics are established.

"Age-based distribution has proven to be a successful and efficient means to get people vaccinated" stated Dr. Gregory Burt, Colusa County Public Health Officer. "When we receive our limited allocation of vaccine from the State we need to proceed as efficiently as possible – age-based eligibility allows us to do just that."

DHHS has also established an online vaccine scheduling platform that will allow residents to schedule their individual vaccine appointments as clinics are established. The first clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd, and is open to residents aged 65 and older, regardless of occupation or health condition(s). There are 170 appointments available for this clinic, which will run from 9:30am – 3:30pm. The link to register for this clinic (and future clinics) can be accessed through the Vaccine subpage on Colusa County's COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage. Future clinics are slated to be scheduled each Wednesday and Friday as vaccine allocation and inventory allows. Local vaccine allocation from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) remains extremely low, and clinics will be established as vaccine allows. Currently, Colusa County receives on average 200 doses every 10-days.

"The previous distribution process was confusing, and we are learning to adapt to better serve our community," stated Elizabeth Kelly, DHHS Director. "We are committed to responding to the unique needs of our residents, and want everyone who wants a vaccine to be able to receive one."

The Colusa County COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage can be accessed here: <https://www.countyofcolusa.org/771/COVID19>. A phone line has also been established to assist those without access to the digital resources: (530) 458-0382.

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