

## **Information for SMC Faith Community Leaders regarding vaccine eligibility 2/21/21**

Our faith community leaders have played many invaluable roles in supporting residents in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the State has not specifically identified faith-leader in the list of priority populations they have determined eligible for the vaccine at this time, they have identified eligible worker roles that some faith-leader perform. This document is intended to be a reference for those trying to determine what phase of the vaccination roll-out in California applies to faith-leader based on the State guidelines and the roles they play in their communities. The phased roll-out shown at this link reflects our current understanding but we encourage frequent checking as it is likely to change. The State has announced a plan to shift to an entirely age-based system after the current eligible groups: [https://www.smchealth.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/phase\\_1a.jpg](https://www.smchealth.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/phase_1a.jpg)

Currently, faith leaders who have been able to work virtually without direct in-person contact are not prioritized for the vaccine unless they qualify by age. However, those that do in-person work may be eligible as a result of their work-based exposure. The table below gives examples we have found of the roles that are eligible for the vaccination based on work-based exposure that might relate to work faith-leader may be taking on.

A couple of notes: if the vaccine is not available, you may be eligible according to the chart below but unable to receive the vaccine due to supply limitations. Once you determine you are eligible, contact your provider to see if they have vaccine and are scheduling appointments or if they can refer you to another provider that can. You can also sign up to provide information about yourself so County Health can contact you when you are eligible to receive the vaccine based on your age or the work that you do:

<https://www.smchealth.org/covidvaccine>. We are also using this list to reach out those eligible for our upcoming clinics, so we encourage you to enter your information and ask others to do the same. The link also connects with the State notification system called MyTurn and it shows information about how to connect with the major health care systems in San Mateo County.

Phase	Eligible group	Underway in SM County?	Link to State guidance for details
1a All tiers	<p>Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in <u>direct</u> health care or long-term care settings. This population includes persons at direct risk of exposure in their non-clinical roles, such as, but not limited to, environmental services, patient transport, or interpretation, community health workers, social workers, behavioral health workers. See State link for full list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This would include faith-leader interacting directly in person with patients in these settings. This would include faith-leader working in correctional health and psychiatric facility settings. This tier includes persons involved in mortuary and funeral services which would include faith-leader directly interacting with human remains.</li> </ul>	YES	<p><a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx</a></p> <p>Note this letter also describes exceptions to the 1a essential health care worker group that is contained at this link <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/">https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/</a></p>
1b tier 1	<p>Residents age of 65+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will include faith-leader in this age group.</li> </ul>	YES	<p><a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Revision-of-Allocation-Guidelines-for-COVID-19-Vaccine.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Revision-of-Allocation-Guidelines-for-COVID-19-Vaccine.aspx</a></p>
1b tier 1	<p>Essential workers in education/childcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This would include faith-leader directly working in person in education and child care settings</li> </ul> <p>Emergency services Food/Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This would include faith-leader working directly in person in food pantry and food distribution settings.</li> </ul>	YES (February 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	<p><a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/">https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/</a></p>
1 b new tier	<p>People between the ages of 16 and 64 with certain underlying medical conditions or disabilities</p>	NO	<p>Anticipated March 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Provider-Bulletin-2-12-21.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Provider-Bulletin-2-12-21.aspx</a></p>

1 b tier 2	Other essential workers Homeless Incarcerated	NO	THIS SEEMS LIKELY TO CHANGE AS THE STATE HAS SHARED THEIR INTENT TO SHIFT TO AN AGE BASED APPROACH FOR FURTHER PRIORITIZATION