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### Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) will hold its next closed COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Point of Distribution Site (PODS) on Thursday February 11, 2021 at the Veteran’s Memorial Hall, located at 109 Memorial in Weaverville from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

At this time, TCPHB PODS are open only to those listed in the eligibility criteria below. Only Trinity County residents will be vaccinated at TCPHB closed PODS with the exception of those whose residence is in a neighboring county but primary employment is in Trinity County.

Eligibility criteria will be reviewed and confirmed prior to vaccination. Persons must have an appointment scheduled to access vaccination at TCPHB PODS. We ask that persons do not show up early for their appointments as parking space is limited.

Eligibility for upcoming TCPHB COVID-19 Mass Vaccination PODS include the following:

PHASE 1A all tiers:

- All health care providers and caregivers, including but not limited to:
  - Physicians and surgeons
  - Nurses, including nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, school nurses, licensed practical and vocational nurses, and nurse practitioners
  - Health care assistants and aides, including physician assistants, nursing assistants, orderlies, psychiatric aides, and other aides
  - Occupational therapists, physical therapists, radiation therapists, recreational therapists, respiratory therapists, speech-language pathologists, exercise physiologists



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- Dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and other dental specialties
- Specialty providers, including audiologists, podiatrists, optometrists, dieticians and nutritionists, and phlebotomists
- Holistic providers, including chiropractors, acupuncturists, massage therapists,
- Mental and behavioral health providers, including psychologists, including substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors, educational, guidance, and career counselors and advisors, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, rehabilitation counselors, and other counselor
- Veterinary hospital providers and support staff
- All support staff in health care settings, including clinics
- All social workers, including child, family, and school social workers, healthcare social workers, mental health and substance abuse social workers
- Community providers, including community health workers, social and human service assistants, health education specialists, and other community-based providers
- Providers serving individuals with disabilities including developmental disabilities
  - Including family member caregivers of regional center consumers
- All home health care and in-home supportive services, including home health and personal care aides and assistants/attendants (including formal, informal and family members) for people needing health assistance at home including but not limited to the elderly and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Pastors, Reverends, Priests, etc. that minister to ill individuals in the home
- Mortuary services providers, including workers performing mortuary, funeral, cremation burial, cemetery, and related services
- Patient transport
- Public health and environmental health workers

## PHASE 1B Tier 1

- Persons 65 years of age and older
- Persons 18 through 64 years of age with the following chronic health conditions only:\*
- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher but < 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking



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- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- \* These conditions are prioritized due to the demonstrated risk of severe illness and complications from COVID-19 in these persons.
- Essential Workforce, prioritized at this time, to those that are 65 years of age and older and 18 through 64 years of age with chronic health conditions as listed above, in the following sectors:
  - Formal and informal childcare workers, including day care providers
  - Staff in educational support services and administration
  - Staff in Pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high schools
  
  - Other workers involved in child and/or student care, including school bus drivers and monitors, crosswalk guards, etc.
  - Food and agriculture including grocery store personnel and foodbank/soup kitchen personnel and volunteers
  - Transit drivers and others that transport the public
- Person eligible for their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine
  - Persons may make an appointment at any TCPHB PODS for their second dose as long as 28 days have passed since the first dose

## **Not Eligible for Vaccination at TCPHB Mass Vax PODS**

Due to the high throughput nature of the TCPHB Mass Vaccination PODS and the need to ensure safety of those receiving vaccine we will not vaccinate any person with the following

- Have a history of allergic reaction to medication, vaccines, food, or any other substance that results in itching, hives, chest tightening, swollen tongue, difficulty breathing, or anxiety
- Pregnant and breastfeeding women (safety has not been established in this population, pregnant and lactating women would seek vaccination from their healthcare provider)

Other exclusion criteria includes:

- Those who have received *any* vaccine within 14 days of getting COVID-19 vaccine
- Persons treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies within the last 3 months

## **What You Can Do:**

- Review the eligibility and pre-register online at [www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org)
- If you are unable to pre-register online and are eligible to receive vaccination contact TCPHB COVID-19 Vaccine line at 623-8235 leave your name and phone number and we will contact you to assist you with registration.



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- Please consider submitting vaccine questions via the Frequently Asked Questions link on our Trinity County webpage so that others can benefit from the answers  
<https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions>

## Public Health Guidance

It is important to continue to follow the public health guidance around prevention even after receiving the first dose of vaccine including all of the following:

- Proper social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Masking or Face shield at all times when out in public
- Increased ventilation – outdoor versus indoor and adequate air flow in buildings prevents spread when all other preventative measures above are implemented
- Frequent hand-washing and sanitizing high-touch surfaces
- Self-isolate if develop any symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Self-quarantine if exposed
- Get tested
- Monitor for symptoms, self-isolate, and get tested:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
- If exposed, get tested and self-quarantine.

For more information please visit our COVID-19 Vaccine link on [www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org) or call the COVID-19 Vaccine line with questions or concerns at 530-623-8235