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**COVID-19 Update: Widespread Vaccination Will Improve All of our Lives**  
*Lake County Vaccination Appointments Now Available at <https://MyTurn.ca.gov>*

**Lake County, CA (March 19, 2021)** — We have come through a really difficult time, and are hopeful things will continue to improve. The potential benefits of widespread COVID-19 immunization are truly exciting. Almost 30% of Lake County residents have received their first dose, and over 50% of the highest risk group (75 and older). Vaccine supply is expected to expand soon, meaning more and more people will be eligible.

People who are vaccinated do not seem to be getting infected at this point. The more of us that get vaccinated, the more quickly we will be able to return to normal.

Full vaccination in nursing homes shows how profoundly our lives are likely to change. One third of COVID-related deaths occurred in those facilities in the Fall — activities were shut down, and people were stuck in their rooms. No infections have occurred in any of the three nursing homes since residents were vaccinated, and activities are resuming.

People that decide not to get vaccinated will be more likely to get sick in the coming months. Also, some activities will likely start requiring vaccination in order to participate; we don't know what that will look like yet.

Please go ahead and get your shots as soon as you are eligible. Side effects are generally mild and short-lived. No serious reactions have occurred in Lake County. Each of the approved vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) has proven to be very safe.

You may be wondering what the experience is like at our clinic sites. Last week, KTVU 2's Greg Lee brought a news crew to our Redbud Park clinic. Their segment is now posted online. Many thanks to State Senator Mike McGuire and County Administrative Officer, Carol Huchingson, for appearing in this video, and their significant efforts to support vaccination in Lake County:

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/lake-county-community-rallies-together-to-overcome-vaccine-delivery-challenges>

**New Vaccination Clinic Schedule Starts Monday (3/22)**

- Mondays 10am-4pm at Lakeport Auto Movies (52 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport)
- Tuesdays-Thursdays 10am-4pm at Redbud Park (14655 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake)

**Visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> to Schedule Your Vaccination Appointment**

As we have previously announced, the State's MyTurn platform is becoming the standard for vaccination scheduling in all California Counties. Lake County is using this system for all scheduling beginning with Monday's (3/22) appointments. Next week's appointments (Monday-Thursday) are available now, at <https://myturn.ca.gov>. You can also now call 833-422-4255, to determine if it is your turn to be vaccinated.

**Lake County Now in the Red Tier, New Infections Continue to Trend Downward**

After a period of 108 days in the most restrictive Purple Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, Lake County entered the Red Tier this Wednesday, March 17. Our Case Rate continues to generally trend downward; for the week of

February 28-March 6, we had a daily Case Rate of 5/100,000. As of yesterday afternoon, 35 new infections had been documented in the past 7 days.

We must stay under 45 total cases per week to remain in the Red Tier. Under the State's current framework, we cannot become eligible to advance to the Orange Tier until at least Tuesday, April 6. As more Californians are vaccinated, and particularly those in the most vulnerable communities, the lesser restrictive tiers are expected to expand.

With more activities opening up, more contact across households is expected; we must continue to make strides with vaccination and take appropriate precautions to continue recent positive trends.

Information on services available in the Red and Orange Tiers is available at these links:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf) *(updated late last week)*

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