Press Release

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WATSONVILLE MASS VACCINATION SITE LAUNCHES

The County of Santa Cruz Public Health Division is pleased to announce a partnership with OptumServe and the City of Watsonville to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to vulnerable populations in communities impacted by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Located in Council Chambers of Old City Hall, 250 Main St., the ADA-accessible site will operate Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and offer 210 appointments per day. Current eligibility includes individuals in Phase 1A, all county residents aged 75 and older, and residents aged 65 and older who reside in the 95019, 95076, 95077 zip codes.

Vaccines are available by appointment only. For Phase 1A healthcare employees, proof of employment is required, and for residents age 75 and older identification showing date of birth will be required during your appointment. For eligible residents aged 65 and older, proof of residence and age is required. Santa Cruz County Public Health vaccines administered through Phase 1B distribution, including targeted age-based distributions, are restricted to Santa Cruz County residents.

Line-skipping will not be tolerated. Vaccines administered to elderly residents are 300 times more likely to save a life than one administered to healthy adults under age 50. Due to ongoing vaccine scarcity, vaccines administered out of order delay the delivery of vaccines to vulnerable populations, risking further loss of life.

English and Spanish speakers who meet eligibility criteria may make appointments at:

- Web: http://myoptumserve.com/covid19
- Call center: 877-218-0381

Vaccinations will be administered by OptumServe staff, with the City of Watsonville providing the venue. County Public Health will provide vaccines through state allocations. For more information on coronavirus vaccines, go to https://www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine.

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