



Board Agenda Item 2.1

DATE: January 26, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Chairman Steve Brandau & Vice Chairman Brian Pacheco

SUBJECT: Letter to Governor Newsom Urgent Request for Additional Vaccine

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter to Governor Newsom with Urgent Request for Additional Vaccine.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

The Board could choose not to execute a letter urgently requesting additional vaccine.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County stands ready to distribute and administer additional vaccines using CARES Act funding. There is no Net County Cost (NCC) associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

On January 20, 2021, Chairman Brandau sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting additional doses of vaccine for Fresno County. The County's current inflow of vaccines is approximately 14,000 per week. As the County works to complete Phase 1A, and begin vaccinating Phase 1B, which includes our farm workers and most essential workers, the County needs additional doses now to meet demand and the County's distribution capacity. However, we are now required to scale back vaccination centers at a critical stage when we are also trying to plan for County residents to receive their second dose. Time is of the essence and the County is demanding the following:

- **As Soon As Possible** - The County of Fresno is requesting an allocation of no less than **10,000** Pfizer doses and **20,000** Moderna doses per week.
- **Beginning the Week of March 1st** - The County of Fresno is requesting an allocation of **20,000** Pfizer doses and **40,000** Moderna doses per week.

Additionally, the letter requests accountability and reporting for the Federal Pharmacy Partnership and Multi-County Entities to local Public Health departments to ensure transparency and better coordination.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Urgent Letter for Additional Vaccine Doses to Governor Newsom