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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-34

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to inform county child welfare agencies and juvenile probation departments, in accordance with the guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health, that county staff, as specified, are part of the Emergency Services Sector of the Essential Critical Infrastructure workforces, and are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.



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ALL COUNTY WELFARE LETTER NO. 21-34

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION GUIDELINES FOR
CASEWORKERS AS ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
WORKERS – EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTOR

REFERENCE: [COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION GUIDELINES](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform county child welfare agencies and juvenile probation departments, in accordance with the guidance issued by California's Department of Public Health (CDPH), that county child welfare workers, probation officers, and hotline workers, as described in this letter, are part of the Emergency Services Sector of the Essential Critical Infrastructure workforce and are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in California.

Essential Workforce Eligible For COVID-19 Vaccines

CDPH has planned a phased rollout of vaccines, which is outlined and described in detail here: [Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#). COVID-19 vaccinations are prioritized according to age and risk, and the State is currently implementing Phases 1A and 1B of the vaccination plan. Per the most recent guidance issued by California's Department of Public Health – last updated on March 11, 2021 ([Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)), the following groups are currently authorized to receive vaccinations in California within the Essential Workforce 1B prioritization:

- “Public, private and voluntary personnel in ... law enforcement, ... corrections, [and] rehabilitation and reentry ... “ and “Workers responding to abuse and neglect of children, elders and dependent adults, including all front-line social workers and other staff required to enter the home (including mobile home or tent) of the individual at risk.”
- “Public Safety Answering Points and 911 call center employees; personnel involved in access to emergency services including the emergency alert system and wireless emergency alerts.” *Note that workers or contractors working in*

mass call centers to operate 24/7 calls or hotlines in response to crises fall within this category, including the Family Urgent Response System statewide hotline workers in mass call centers.

Counties should refer their workforce to the links to CDPH guidelines throughout this letter, and to their local public health department's guidance, for more details regarding vaccine eligibility. For more information regarding how to obtain a vaccine, counties should refer their workforce to <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. If you have questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Children and Family Services Division inbox at CFSD@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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