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## VA NorCal Health Care System

### NEWS UPDATE

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is being administered throughout VA Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) via a phased plan. In addition to Veterans living in our Long Term Care facilities, VANCHCS will begin offering vaccines to Veterans who are at the highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. **Your VA health care team will contact you as soon as you're eligible to get a vaccine.** VANCHCS's goal is to vaccinate all Veterans who want it.

We follow CDC guidelines to determine who is at highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. Factors that may influence the risk of severe disease include the following:

- Age- The risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 increases with age.
- Existing health problems- People with certain health problems (like diabetes, heart disease, or obesity) have a higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19.

**Right now we are vaccinating Veterans 75 years old and older.**

Veterans, you can sign up to get up-to-date information about the COVID-19 vaccine and help VA understand your interest in getting a vaccine. VA will send you updates on how it is providing vaccines across the country—and when you can get your vaccine if you want one. VA will also offer information and answers to your questions along the way.

Visit <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed> to stay informed and help VA prepare.

You don't need to sign up to get a vaccine. And you can change your mind about getting a vaccine at any time. VA will use the information you provide to understand your interest and keep you informed.

For current COVID-19 vaccine information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>