



Testing and Vaccinations

FOR COVID-19

Testing

- ▶ NBRC is in the process of setting up COVID testing opportunities through the Valencia Branch Laboratory set up by California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
- ▶ Testing kits will be available to residential, Supported Living Services (SLS), and Independent Living Services (ILS) vendors.
- ▶ NBRC will start with 10 vendors and then expand to include other residential, SLS, or ILS vendors that are interested in utilizing the system.
- ▶ This will allow:
 - ▶ Testing kits to be sent directly to the provider
 - ▶ Testing kits to be ordered in advance of need
 - ▶ Clients to self swab or be offered hand and hand testing if needed
 - ▶ Testing drop off sites with daily pick ups
 - ▶ 24-48 hour results once the testing kit has been received at the lab
 - ▶ No cost testing – Insurance will be billed or uninsured is covered by Health Resources & Services Administration (HERSA)

Vaccinations in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma County

Vaccinations in Process in all Counties

- ▶ Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
- ▶ Specialized Nursing Facilities (SNF)
- ▶ ARFPSHN Homes
- ▶ Nursing Homes
- ▶ Home Health Workers
- ▶ Direct Support Providers (DSP)
- ▶ Seniors age 75+
- ▶ Family Members caring for clients with certain conditions are reclassified as “health care workers” per Department of Developmental Services (DDS) letter

Additional Vaccinations

- ▶ Community Care Facilities (CCF)
 - ▶ CVS/Walgreens/or DPH as needed
- ▶ Additional Vaccinations for Napa Department of Public Health
 - ▶ 65+ as vaccination allocation allows

STATE ADVOCACY

- ▶ DDS has provided letters that elevate the following groups to Phase 1a.
 - ▶ Family members reclassified as “health care workers” who are caring for an individual with the following conditions
 - ▶ Cerebral Palsy
 - ▶ Down Syndrome
 - ▶ Epilepsy
 - ▶ Specialized health care needs
 - ▶ Direct Support Staff
 - ▶ Regional Center employees who are conducting activities to ensure the welfare of the client’s we serve
- ▶ Advocacy at the state level to move all clients out of phase1c and into phase 1b.

Barriers

- ▶ Department of Public Health (DPH), pharmacies contracted with the state including CVS and Walgreens, and individual hospitals such as Kaiser and Sutter are receiving their own allotment of vaccinations, which can cause confusion on availability and who is eligible to be vaccinated.
- ▶ Shortage of vaccinations in all three (3) counties, preventing them to move to the next tier or provide NBRC specific vaccination sites at this time.
- ▶ Not all vaccination administrators are accepting the DDS directive to provide vaccinations to unpaid family members carrying for a client.
- ▶ Difficulties scheduling vaccination appointments – long hold time to schedule appointments or no appointments available.

What is NBRC doing to Support

- ▶ Staff are making calls to ICF's, SNF's and Community Care Facilities (CCF) to confirm they have been able to schedule appointments for vaccinations
- ▶ Collaborating with Department of Public Health (DPH) in all counties
 - ▶ Providing names of congregate living settings that have been unable to schedule appointments with CVS/Walgreens or the clients Primary Care Provider (PCP)
 - ▶ Requesting vaccination sites in all three (3) counties specifically for NBRC clients, families, direct services providers, and employees through Safeway.
 - ▶ Requesting in home vaccinations for those unable to access vaccination sites
- ▶ Providing eligibility confirmation letters for families made Phase 1A per DDS
- ▶ Tracking client vaccinations in our database