



January 22, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: COVID-19 vaccination rollout for the public

Dear Governor Newsom:

We applaud your efforts to distribute 3.2 million COVID-19 vaccines to the counties as of January 17th according to the California Department of Public Health. However, only 40% of the vaccines have been administered. The federal government announced "Operation Warp Speed" on May 15, 2020 to prioritize the safe and effective distribution of the vaccine and bring a sense of normalcy back to our communities. However, the distribution has not been handled with clear directives and communication and many problems have arisen as result.

Given your ambitious goal and the request for \$300 million to distribute vaccines, we are respectfully asking you to consider the following to ensure efficient and fast delivery of the vaccine to the people:

1. The state needs to coordinate with counties, the bridge from state to residential health, to guarantee COVID-19 vaccines are distributed efficiently and timely. While counties are the most equipped to distribute the vaccine, they are experiencing an immense amount of pressure with limited funding and short timelines. As the Biden Administration begins their distribution to states, we ask that counties are guaranteed reimbursements will be handled and that funding to counties is distributed in a timely manner. In addition, giving reliable forecast of vaccine quantity for the next four weeks, every seven days, would be helpful to allow time for staffing and site preparation.
2. Clear communication and directives need to be in place for counties to be successful as they administer the COVID-19 vaccines. Due to an absence of a strong system in place, many counties are receiving information regarding eligibility at the same time the public is, giving them no time to prepare. A lack of proper planning and directive has made administering the second shot difficult, even before involving the general public. Please give our counties clear communication and directives so that our system is impenetrable to inefficiency and mistakes.
3. Counties are faced with an insufficient amount of approved medical professionals to administer the COVID-19 vaccine under the deadline you have put in place. To get these desperately needed vaccines to as many Californians as possible under such a short amount of time, we need to make sure we have all hands on-deck. We ask you to produce a plan to expedite the certification of health care professional who can administer the shot and consider expanding authorization to those who can administer the vaccine to nursing students, retired medical professionals, and national guard members with medical training. In addition, we ask that we

prioritize the backlog of certified medical professionals who have applied to assist in administering the vaccines. We cannot delay the approval of medical professionals any longer.

As representatives of California residents, solving COVID-19 and doing everything we can to distribute these vaccines as quickly and efficiently as possible is our number one priority. The health and safety of the people in our communities is important, we hope you will work with us to ensure a smooth distribution and help our counties achieve this daunting task.

Thank you for your time and consideration. As the Legislative session begins, we look forward to working with you and your administration collaboratively to help all Californians. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 319-2072 or email Assemblymember.Nguyen@assembly.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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California State Legislature



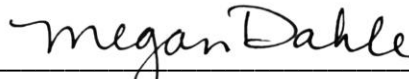
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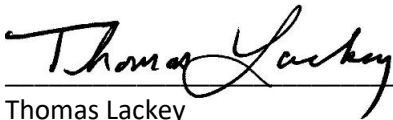
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