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LOS ANGELES COUNTY VACCINATES SENIOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

Approximately 320 Vaccinations Set for Distribution

Los Angeles County, February 26, 2021 - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has collaborated with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Central Neighborhood Health Foundation Clinic to prepare approximately 320 COVID-19 vaccines for residents, 65 years of age and older, residing in Los Angeles County Public Housing communities. The vaccine will be brought to them directly.

The LACDA worked with DPH to streamline the registration process, and staff conducted grassroots outreach efforts to create awareness of appointment availabilities for COVID-19 vaccines. Older adults who reside in public housing are among the most vulnerable populations in the County, making them susceptible to unreliable transportation, limited mobility, lack of internet access, as well as language and technological barriers.

“I am thrilled to see this partnership come to fruition to meet our most vulnerable senior residents where they are – at home,” shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District. “It is incumbent upon us to develop innovative solutions to reduce barriers to health when most needed, in this case in gaining access to the COVID-19 vaccine.”

“I applaud this partnership between the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Department of Public Health to make vaccines readily available to our most vulnerable residents. The Second Supervisorial District is home to communities of color that are at greater risk of dying from COVID-19. Partnerships like this save lives by removing the barrier posed by a lack of transportation and providing direct and efficient access to the vaccine for our seniors. I look forward to seeing this mobile vaccination model expand to help us reach more people,” said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.



Emilio Salas, LACDA Executive Director, stated, “The public-private collaboration intends to cease challenges for senior public housing residents by offering an efficient and low anxiety method to getting this critical vaccine. With one Los Angeles County Public Housing community at a time, we will uphold the health of our senior residents.”

The COVID-19 vaccine distributions began at the Herbert Public Housing community and will continue throughout Los Angeles County for the remainder of February and in March. First and second rounds of the COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed at the following Los Angeles County Public Housing communities: Carmelitos, Francisquito Villas, South Bay Gardens, Whittier Manor, Nueva Maravilla, and Lancaster homes.

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