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LA County Library Offers COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at Libraries

In Partnership with the LA County Department of Public Health, Clinics Offered on Select Dates through August 4

LA County Library is partnering with the LA County Department of Public Health to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics for everyone 12 years old and over at 13 community libraries on select dates through August 4. The vaccines are free and no appointment or insurance is required. No one will be asked about immigration status.

According to the LA County Department of Public Health, there have been 1.27 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in LA County, leading to over 24,000 reported deaths. Because COVID-19 is highly contagious, vaccinations help not only protect the individual getting the shot, but also reduces risk to family, co-workers, and other close contacts. The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19, and reduce strain on healthcare systems.

COVID-19 vaccination sites hosted by LA County Library will offer the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Follow-up appointments for the second dose will be scheduled 3 weeks after the initial dose. According to the Center Disease Control (CDC), all 3 COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Visit the <u>CDC</u> website for more info.

"During these uncertain times, the well-being of our customers is always on our minds," said LA County Library Director Skye Patrick. "Working with Public Health to make COVID-19 vaccines available allows us to provide a valuable resource to help LA County residents protect themselves and their families."

"Partnering with trusted community spaces such as our LA County Libraries will provide residents with a safe, familiar place to receive the vaccine, including residents living in our hardest-hit communities," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We are forever grateful for their partnership and their commitment to saving lives throughout Los Angeles County."

To view the complete list of dates, times and library locations, and for additional information, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org/Covid-vaccine</u>.

For more info on COVID-19 vaccine clinics, please visit publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/vaccine/.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 86 community libraries and mobile fleet of 14 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 6 MākMō (maker mobiles), and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is

dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org</u> and follow_@LACountyLibrary on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and YouTube.

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