

## **SPA 8 Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Incident Action Plan (IAP) Summary At-Risk Older Adults and Educators**

Though adults 65 years and older are currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, there are many limitations that this vulnerable population faces in accessing the vaccine. **Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) wants to help LA County address existing gaps in vaccine access for those older adults with transportation and technology limitations in Service Planning Area 8.** We have the resources to deploy closed vaccination clinics and activate mobile strike teams to reach older adults currently unable to access vaccines through MegaPOD sites. As a regional hub for the South Bay area, we believe these scalable solutions can also be applied to serve educators in SPA 8 in upcoming distribution phases. Further, we believe this operation may be used as a model for similar regional outreach throughout the county.

### **Target Populations**

We are partnering with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and the South Bay municipalities to identify and enumerate the following populations in SPA 8 (such as but not limited to Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of City of Los Angeles). These locations also generally fall into LA County DMAC Area G of which BCHD is an active member.

#### **1. Adults 65 and older in SPA 8**

- Senior Living facilities and senior congregate settings not covered as long-term care settings in Phase 1A, i.e. those that are not licensed skilled nursing facilities but senior apartment complexes and settings such as the Salvation Army that may fall through the cracks.
- Homebound seniors and those with accessibility and functional needs without transportation to MegaPOD sites or the ability to register for any site without assistance. This would include those without caregivers to accompany them to a distant POD or who are too anxious to do so.

We can reach these senior facilities/congregate settings by holding closed clinics on-site and can arrange registration clinics prior to vaccination clinics. For those with transportation limitations, we can arrange pickup/drop off and hold closed clinics at our base of operations at our AdventurePlex facility in Manhattan Beach. For homebound seniors who cannot be served by these options, we will activate mobile strike teams to go into homes to vaccinate these individuals.

#### **2. Education sector staff in SPA 8**

- Closed clinics will be held at our base of operations site for all SPA 8 education and childcare staff. We are painfully aware of the need to reopen schools and a key component of that is to get teachers and staff vaccinated. BCHD has existing relationships with regional school districts through other BCHD programs.

### **Available Beach Cities Health District Resources**

1. Logistical Considerations: Base of Operations at BCHD's AdventurePlex facility at 1701 Marine Ave, Manhattan Beach
  - Vaccine storage (ULT, frozen and refrigeration), supplies, PPE
  - BCHD is a registered vaccine provider through CalVax with the ability to request and receive vaccines directly

2. Staffing Resources that can support vaccination clinics, administrative duties associated with scheduling and reporting, logistics and planning
  - 100+ BCHD staff
  - Community volunteers (70 clinical and 300 non-clinical)
  - Disaster Service Workers from partner Cities
  - CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) from partner Cities
  - Paramedics from local Fire Departments
3. Transportation Resources
  - Community transportation services (Dial-a-Ride, PV Transit, etc.)
  - CERT Teams
  - Taxi and Uber/Lyft vouchers

## Next Steps

An initial vaccine allocation of 1,000 doses will allow us to administer first doses for the 65+ and those with accessibility and functional needs (in congregate and homebound settings) initially in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach that we've already identified in need of support. BCHD will work the SBCCOG to identify and enumerate the seniors in the rest of SPA 8 and can deploy teams as vaccines are allocated.

BCHD is already in discussions with FEMA, CAL OES, LA County Department of Health Services and LA County OES to identify the appropriate avenue(s) for Public Assistance and other potential funding.

We welcome Office of Emergency Management and Department of Public Health to do a walkthrough of our base of operations site at our AdventurePlex facility.

Initial Closed MPOD draft IAP is attached.