



Jan. 5th Update

Tiered structure for the vaccination roll-out is collapsed!

This afternoon, Dr Wilma Wooten gave the directive to open up vaccinations to all persons in Phase 1A. That includes the dental team. The County of San Diego is currently working on a plan for vaccine distribution. As soon as we have more details we will forward them to you. Please see the next section on how to become a volunteer vaccinator.

Dentists to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines!

The Department of Consumer Affairs has granted a waiver to allow dentists to order and administer COVID-19 vaccinations. At this time this waiver is most helpful at mass vaccination clinics where volunteer dentists may participate. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in San Diego County, please see the following:

FIRST: In order for dentists to administer vaccine (and epi or Benadryl if needed) the following are required per Consumer Affairs letter:

The dentist successfully completes all of the following COVID-19 training programs available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (click each link to access the courses below):

- ["COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers"](#)
- ["What Every Clinician Should Know about COVID-19 Vaccine Safety"](#)
- ["What Clinicians Need to Know About the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines"](#)
- ["Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know"](#).

The dentist complies with all applicable federal and state recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including **providing documentation to the patient's primary care provider, as applicable, and enters information in the appropriate immunization registry** designated by the immunization branch of the State Department of Public Health.
(In San Diego, registration in **San Diego Immunization Registry** is required)

SECOND: If a dental office wants to be a vaccination site to administer COVID-19 vaccine, then the dentist needs to enroll in both COVIDReadi and SDIR.

We encourage you to apply online through [COVIDReadi](#), California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) registration and enrollment system. If you are not already enrolled in SDIR, please email SDIR.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov, or call the SDIR Help Desk at (619) 692-5656 for assistance.

If you have questions about this enrollment process or need technical assistance, please

THIRD: If a dentist wants to volunteer to be vaccinators in the county's vaccination pods, then they need to enroll as a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer. Further info below.

STEP 1: ENROLLMENT WITH SAN DIEGO MRC:

- Volunteers should register at <https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov/>
- please provide a list of volunteers associated with this mission so that we may add them to their own group in the system and expedite their processing if the mission is approved.

STEP 2: FACILITY SUBMITS THE MISSION REQUEST FORM:

Our standard process is to have the requesting facility complete the Mission Request Form. Once it is received, it is reviewed by the MOC Ops Chief or designee, MOC Director. In this case, since this is the first request for vaccinators, it will be submitted for approval to Dr. Wooten. Once approved we work to identify matching volunteers, and in this case coordinate with Dr. Hill and County vaccination program leads as needed. Since this is a new mission during COVID-19, we may need to confirm some arrangements such as who will be vaccinating, training the volunteers, and scheduling. (MRC assisted with County-run mass vaccination clinics during H1N1.)

Requesting Entity Roles & Responsibilities:

- Screening and re-credentialing volunteers for qualifications and proficiency per their internal policies and any accrediting entity requirements (We have worked with local hospitals and understand that they have their own credentialing requirements.)
- Understands the coverages and limitations of the CA Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Volunteer Program, and that medical volunteers are not processed as a County of San Diego Volunteers
- [Click here for more info on the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program](#)
- Provides **worker's compensation** and **limited immunity from liability**
- Understands San Diego MRC volunteers are intended for short-term, unpaid missions
- Only accepting volunteers who are officially deployed by the MOC for a given date/time
- Verifying identity of the volunteer upon arrival using government-issued photo identification
- Providing mission and safety briefings
- Providing supervision of the volunteer
- Submitting hours worked to the MRC Coordinator
- Providing evaluation information on volunteers as requested
- Communicating any questions, concerns, or injuries to the MOC as soon as possible
- Completing new Mission Request Forms PRIOR to using volunteers for any additional services (e.g., clinical staffing)

San Diego MRC Roles & Responsibilities:

- Processing potential volunteers in the CA Disaster Healthcare Volunteer (DHV) system [Click here to register as a volunteer](#) under the San Diego County or San Diego MRC units.
- San Diego MRC confirms an active license in the licensing or certifying board for the volunteer's profession and conducts a Megan's Law website search using 3 letter of their first and last name.
- Ensuring the volunteer meets the MRC Minimum Requirements for Membership:
 - DHV profile is 100%
 - Is officially registered as a CA Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Volunteer Program under the authority of the San Diego Unified Disaster Council
 - [Click here for more info on the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program](#)
 - Signs Code of Conduct and Summary of Policies
 - Completes FEMA Courses:
 - [IS -100 Introduction to the Incident Command System](#)
 - [IS -700 National Incident Management System](#)
 - Any other trainings determined by County COVID-19 Vaccination Program leads

As always, further info is available on the [Health Professionals webpage](#)

COVID 19 RESOURCES FOR SDCDS MEMBERS:

In our last survey we asked what we could do to help you be successful now. Here are some resources we've pooled based off of your responses:

Need CE? Check out our FREE online platform with on-demand & live courses
[Visit our Viva Learning Page Here](#)

Need Guidance? Check out the 'Back to Practice' resource center for guidance, templates and more. Topics include: finance & billing, guidance & regulations, infection control & PPE, patient care & practice management
[View CDA back to practice resource center here](#)

Need to get tested? Healthcare providers (including dentists & their teams) qualify for free testing
[View SD County testing info here](#)
[View Imperial County testing info here](#)

Looking for staff? Check our career center frequently for new resumes and post openings
[Browse the career center here](#)

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