

# CHA Key Messages

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## Challenges Remain for CA Vaccination Effort

- **Efficient, speedy mass vaccination is critical to beating COVID-19 and beginning the climb back to normal, but several challenges must be overcome:**
  - An inconsistent national vaccine supply makes it hard to plan, and harder to execute a plan that's already in place; unfortunately, every state is pushing for more vaccine, leaving California uncertain as to when supplies will be adequate.
  - Amid the COVID-19 surge, hospital staff must be reserved for patient care, rather than vaccination efforts, making it essential for others – doctors, pharmacists, dentists, and more – to get involved quickly.
  - Striking the right balance between speed and precision – as supply remains limited in some counties – can create confusion and delays. For example, in Los Angeles County, health care providers are moving quickly to vaccinate health care workers in Phase 1A and will begin to offer vaccine to people 65 and older once adequate and predictable vaccine supplies are available.
- **[HOSPITAL NAME] is working with state and local health authorities to deliver as many vaccines as possible, as quickly as possible, but the absence of a cohesive strategy across federal, state, and local governments presents a challenge.**
  - In some cases, counties are following the state's guidance on who should receive a vaccine, and when; in other cases, counties have offered their own recommendations.
  - These divergent strategies make it harder to deliver vaccines efficiently, as hospitals focus to provide a rapid and equitable vaccination process.
  - As these issues are sorted out, it's essential that any vaccine distribution approach include continuous and clear communication among all involved, as well as with the public, who deserve to know when they are able to get vaccinated.