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COVID-19 vaccine available to all Phase 1a tiers

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HANFORD — The Kings County Department of Public Health announced Monday that COVID-19 vaccines are available to individuals in all tiers of Phase 1a of the distribution plan.

On Jan. 7, KCDPH officials said the California Department of Public Health issued recommendations for local health departments to vaccinate individuals in all tiers of Phase 1a. The recommendations were intended to maximize community immunity for all

Californians in consideration of the limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines

“Public Health staff are shifting priorities to accelerate delivery of vaccines to Kings County residents that are most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19 either because of health conditions, or exposure to sick individuals,” said Nichole Fisher, nursing division manager for KCDPH. “We encourage everyone eligible to receive the vaccine to consider the benefits of being immunized as opposed to the potential harm from

contracting the disease.”

The sectors/populations of Phase 1a include:

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals.
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals. This group receives their vaccine directly through pharmacies, which is a federal program.
- Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and others providing emergency medical services.
- Dialysis centers.

Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care.

- Home healthcare and in-home supportive services providers
- Community health workers, including promotoras.
- Public health field staff.
- Primary Care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics and urgent care clinics.
- Other settings and health care workers.
- Specialty clinics.

Laboratory workers. Dental and other oral health clinics.

- Pharmacy staff not working in setting at higher tiers.
- Persons working in the mortuary services industry.

Individuals who are part of these groups and would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call (559) 852-2002 to schedule an appointment.

Vaccines are provided on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to the current supply. Health officials said a waitlist will be established for those individuals who are part of one of the Phase 1a groups but who don't receive a vaccine. Members of the public who are not part of the sectors/populations of Phase 1a can go to www.kings-covidinfo.com and click on “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” to sign up to receive notification when the vaccine becomes available to additional sectors/populations. Questions can also be submitted via email to KingsCovidVax@co.kings.ca.us.



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One Eleven Coffee celebrated One Eleven Day with prizes and a raffle on Monday.

As pandemic worsens, most states resist restrictions

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PHOENIX (AP) — As the U.S. goes through the most lethal phase of the coronavirus outbreak yet, governors and local officials in hard-hit parts of the country are showing little willingness to impose any new restrictions on businesses to stop the spread.

And unlike in 2020, when the debate over lockdowns often split along party lines, both Democratic and Republican leaders are signaling their opposition to forced closings and other measures.

Some have expressed fear of compounding the heavy economic damage inflicted by the outbreak. Some see little patience among their constituents for more restrictions 10 months into the crisis. And some seem to be focused more on the rollout of the vaccines that could eventually vanquish the threat.

The most notable change of tune came from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, who imposed a tough shutdown last spring as the state became the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak.

“We simply cannot stay closed until the vaccine hits critical mass. The cost is too high. We will have nothing left to open,” Cuomo said this week as confirmed infections in the state climbed to an average of 16,000 a day and deaths reached about 170 per day.

Theaters remain closed and there is no indoor dining in New York City, but Cuomo said Tuesday that if a system of rapid virus tests could be developed, it could allow those things to return safely.

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One Eleven Coffee celebrates its day

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HANFORD — Monday was the fourth year in a row that 1/11 was marked with giveaways and a raffle for lucky One Eleven Coffee customers. The popular spot in downtown Hanford celebrated One Eleven Day.

“In the beginning, One Eleven was created to be downtown just as part of our community to help revitalize our downtown and be part of it,” One Eleven Coffee manager Leslie Martinez said. “It’s just a good excuse, we feel, to celebrate that we’re still here, celebrate good coffee [and] celebrate our community.”

One Eleven, located at 111 W. 7th St. Suite 103, rang a bell for every 11th customer and gave them a prize, including mugs, cups or merchandise — all with a free coffee card. Each customer was also entered into a raffle for a chance at a \$50 gift card.

“The 11th customer gets a big basket and it has a bunch of merchandise in it, French press and coffee and mugs and cookies,” Martinez said.

With the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 10 months, Martinez said they understood that One Eleven Day was needed now more than ever.

“We know from our customers that it’s a



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The 11th customer, pictured above, received a gift basket full of goodies.

difficult time and so [it is] just a reason to celebrate, drink a good cup of coffee,” Martinez said. “Even though we’re in this weird space — still outside, still staying the course. ... We’re still going to celebrate, it doesn’t matter.”

Martinez added that One Eleven tries to locally source everything they do. It’s something that comes with being part of the community

for the coffee shop.

“Our honey’s locally sourced, we have coffee that’s out of Fresno, which is Lanna Coffee House. Our cookies are from Visalia,” Martinez said. “They’re self-starters and we like that. It adds to who we are and to the people around us.”

One Eleven is a project of Koinonia Church. The church was originally looking to engage in the community and



One Eleven Coffee gave away mugs, cups and merchandise as part of One Eleven Day on Monday.



Bombshell Bakes, a local business in Visalia, created special cookies for One Eleven Day.

realized their best bet to make a difference was by being downtown.

“Let’s be a part of our community and be here and be accessible,” Martinez said. “We love each one of these businesses ... and that just makes our town of Hanford, our community great just be-

ing a part of here.”

One Eleven offers a variety of drinks, including a seasonal craft favorites menu and signature craft menu. Their most popular drinks include the Café Horchata, Chai and Frappe That. The store is open Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

KCSO K-9 helps in apprehension after high-speed chase

STAFF REPORTER

CORCORAN — A Kings County Sheriff’s Office K-9 helped apprehend a suspect Friday who allegedly led deputies on a high speed chase and later fled from them on foot.

Around 9:20 p.m., a deputy was patrolling in the area of 10 1/2

Lansing avenues near the city of Corcoran when he said he noticed a dark colored BMW traveling west on Lansing fail to stop at the posted stop sign.

The deputy attempted a traffic stop on the BMW for the violation, and while doing so, said he noticed the driver swerving sporadically across the both lanes of travel.

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