

PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.1

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Teri Ransbury spoke regarding issues when signing up for the second dose of the vaccine.

RE: Updated from the January 22, 2021 letter: second dose vaccine concern

Dear Board of Supervisors (BOS),

I am a healthcare professional and a resident of Riverside County. The Covid-19 vaccine shortage has created an alarming public health risk, making it imperative for the County to ensure timely 2nd dose administration to provide the continued and maximum vaccine effectiveness. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), the FDA Briefing Document Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, experts, and the evidence does not support or recommend a change to the 2nd dosing regimen.

The County or County representative(s) have conveyed to the public, "...there is a lengthy window where you can get that 2nd dose and have it still be effective." The County or their representative(s) have also stated the 2nd dose can wait until the vaccine is no longer scarce, up to months, saying it does not matter when the 2nd dose is administered.

The above statements were revised on January 22, 2021. The modified message conveyed "the 2nd dose people can register just like the people trying to receive their first dose, as the state does not yet recommend us prioritizing them over those in other critical categories who haven't received them yet (CDC says you can go as far as six weeks between doses without concern)".

This representation, like the earlier representations, is not rooted in science. The authorized vaccines to prevent Covid-19 require 2 shots, either 21 or 28 days apart, depending on which vaccine was received to get the most protection (https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html).

The CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Authorized says in relevant part: "The second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. However, if it is not feasible to adhere to the recommended interval, the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be scheduled for administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html).

The CDC's opinion the 2nd dose may be scheduled up to six weeks (42 days) after the first dose is not rooted in the science. Additional analyses were done to assess efficacy against COVID-19 after one dose of Moderna. Participants who only received one dose of the vaccine at the interim analysis time, Vaccine Effectiveness after one dose, were 80.2%. There appears to be some protection against COVID-19 disease following one dose; however, the data does not provide sufficient information about longer-term protection beyond 28 days after a single dose. The

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efficacy observed after dose one and before dose 2, from a post-hoc analysis, cannot support a conclusion about the effectiveness of a single dose of the vaccine because the numbers of participants and time of observation are limited. The trial did not have a single-dose arm to make an adequate comparison (https://www.fda.gov/media/144434/downloadand).

The FDA has said it does not support changing vaccine dosing or schedules, calling such actions "premature and not rooted solidly in the available evidence." (https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-statement-following-authorized-dosing-schedules-covid-19-vaccines).

Experts believe there is not enough data on the amount and length of protection an altered dosing schedule will provide. Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at Georgetown University's Center for Global Health Science and Security, has stated: "We should really think long and hard any time we advise people to deviate from what the evidence actually shows in terms of efficacy, which has only been tested for those standard dosing regimens."

Dr. Anthony Fauci has said he disagrees with delaying the second dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. Dr. Fauci told CNN that the United States would follow Pfizer and BioNTech's guidance to administer the second dose of its vaccine three weeks after the first. "We know from the clinical trials that the optimal time is to give it on one day and for [the Moderna jab which is also approved in the US] wait 28 days and for Pfizer 21 days later." He added that while you can "make the argument" for stretching out the doses, he would not favor doing that.

Pfizer and BioNTech also warned that the two doses were crucial to achieving maximum protection against Covid, saying that they did not have evidence that the first dose alone would protect patients after three weeks.

The CDC distribution-allocations is as follows: weekly first-dose allocations are provided to states on Tuesdays; jurisdictions can begin placing orders on Thursdays. After doses are ordered by states, shipments begin the following Monday. Second doses are opened up for orders on Sundays, at the appropriate interval two or three weeks later according to the manufacturer's label, with shipments occurring after jurisdictions place orders https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/COVID-19-Vaccine-Distribution-Allocations-by-Juris/b7pe-5nws.

Both Moderna and Pfizer allocate for 2nd doses. The table below is created with the CDC's data; it is clear first and second doses are allocated by week to the jurisdiction to ensure the timely administration of the 2nd dose, and for each dose allocated, the same number of 2nd doses have been allocated through January 25, 2021 (https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/COVID-19-Vaccine-Distribution-Allocations-by-Juris/b7pe-5nws).

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Modema				672,600	672,600	232,300	232,300	231,400	231,400	232,300	232,300	244,000	244,000	244,000	244,000	1,856,600	1,856,600
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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) identified four ethical principles to guide their decision-making process when supply is limited:

- Maximize benefits and minimize harms Respect and care for people using the best available data to promote public health and minimize death and severe illness.
- Mitigate health inequities Reduce health disparities in the burden of COVID-19 disease and death, and <u>make sure everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible.</u>
- Promote justice <u>Treat affected groups</u>, <u>populations</u>, <u>and communities fairly</u>. <u>Remove unfair</u>, unjust, and avoidable barriers to COVID-19 vaccination.
- Promote transparency Make a decision that is clear, understandable, and open for review. Allow and <u>seek public participation</u> in the creation and review of the decision processes (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations-process.html).

Is it within the County's ethical principles to advise people to deviate from what the evidence shows regarding efficacy and dosing? The current process is not making sure everyone can be as healthy as possible (Vaccine Effectiveness by not administering 2nd timely dose). The avoidable barrier(s) to the 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccination are not being removed.

The County does not plan to ensure the 2^{nd} dose is available as close as possible to the 21 or 28 days following the first dose to safeguard their constituents. The intended second dose has been received by the state and more than likely by the County (see table above) and should be used for the 2^{nd} dose, not additional first doses.

I am asking for the County to stop disseminating information to the public that is not rooted solidly in the available evidence and to develop and implement a plan to ensure those who

receive the 1st dose of the Covid-19 vaccine also receive the 2nd dose as close as possible to the 21st or 28th day following the first dose, as recommended by the FDA, EUA, experts and the clear evidence.

Thank you for your attention to the above concerns.

Respectively,

Teri Ransbury, MSN, RN, CHC, CHPC



PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.2

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, John Balis spoke regarding his concerns to sign up for the second dose of the vaccine, and suggested for the website navigation bar to indicate which vaccine is available at each site.



PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.3

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Vick
Van Leuven spoke regarding the negative impact of the COVID-19 lockdown.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.4

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Monica Galvez spoke regarding Eastern Coachella Valley not receiving enough community assistance.



PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.5

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Lesley Figueroa spoke regarding Eastern Valley not receiving enough community assistance.



PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.6

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Mercedes DeLeon spoke regarding being left outside of chambers during board meetings, and the American flag.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.7

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Nancy Spencer spoke regarding spoke regarding the COVID-19 lockdown and requested businesses to fight back.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.8

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Slim spoke regarding people expressing their First Amendment rights.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.9

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Roy Bleckert spoke regarding the state lockdown.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: 16.10

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Ali Mazarei spoke regarding Arco travel business and the distribution of food to local communities who need assistance. He and his wife donated over \$20,000 worth of winter coats to under privileged children of his community.