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Mission: The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses. We support local community requests for HAM emergency communications. Several of us are trained in CPR/ First Aid and are involved with community disaster preparedness.

Monday Night Net Time: 9 PM Local Time/PST, Repeater: WB6TCS - RX 147.210, TX 147.810, Offset +0.6 MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL100 Hz

Please note: Repeater: N6MNV UHF 442.700 Mhz, Offset +5MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz in South San Francisco is cross linked every Monday Night Net at 9 p.m. to WB6TCS 2-meter repeater.

The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome.

Message from the President: George Chong, W6BUR

Hello CARC Members and Friends;

Many thanks to Mr. Denis L. Moore – WB6TCS for the use of his repeater for our CARC Monday Night Net.

I wish to thank our CARC members that set aside their valuable time to participate in our Monday night's nets.

We all know that the year 2020 was one of worst ones in recent memory.

Therefore; I wish you all have an upcoming 2021 Happy Chinese New Year, Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Chinese New Year for 2021 is on Saturday February 12, 2021, the Year of the white metal Ox.

According to the Chinese calendar, folks born in the year of Rat are in 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, and 2021.

Folks born in the year of the Ox are known for their hard work ethics, positivity, honesty. By nature, they are very cautious in their endeavors, hold their faith firmly, are true friends as they always are glad to offer help

They are talented, make good tireless leaders, persistent and good at managing the any situation. In particular those white metal ox folks are very energetic, on the move and have good interpersonal skills.

On the financial side, their hard work leads to a secure financial future as long as the remember to keep their spending in check.

The best mates for born in the year of the Rat, Snake, and Rooster. Poor mates are those born in the year of the Tiger, Dragon, Horse, and Sheep.

For obvious COVID-19 safety reasons the CARC Annual Chinese New Luncheon will be skipped for this year, 2021.

Yes, I really would like to have the CARC meet up in person for lunch one day!

Tech Article Introduction:

Please see the Tech Article on how to get a COVID-19 vaccine shot.

Chat sub s'em to all you CARC members! - George W6BUR.

Public Service Announcements

HAM CRAM / HAM Licensing

For upcoming HAM Licensing locations please refer to:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) was organized by the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services (OES) following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake to support the communications needs of the City and County of San Francisco when responding to emergencies and special events.

The Auxiliary Communications Service holds General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the San Francisco Emergency Operations Center, 1011 Turk Street (between Gough Street and Laguna Street), from 1900 hours to 2100 hours local time. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The ACS Net begins at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) local time each Thursday evening, on the WA6GG repeater at 442.050 MHz, positive offset, tone 127.3 Hz. The purpose of this net is to practice Net Control skills, practice checking in with deployment status in a formal net, and to share information regarding upcoming ACS events. Guests are welcome to check in. ACS Members should perform Net Control duty on a regular basis. On the second Thursday of each month, the net will be conducted on the output frequency of the WA6GG repeater, 442.050 MHz no offset, tone 127.3 Hz, simplex.

For more information, please attend an ACS meeting or check in on a net, or call 415-558-2717.

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Gilbert Gin (KJ6HKD)

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In Oakland:

<http://www.oaklandnet.com/fire/core/index2.html>

CORE is a free training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders, leaving many citizens on their own for the first 72 hours or longer after the emergency.

IMPORTANT- All participants must complete the background interview process in order to be eligible to attend the ALERT training class.

Eligible ALERT participants may register for a training class by contacting the ALERT Program Coordinator, Marina at sfpdalert@sfgov.org, or by telephone at 415-401-4615.

SFPD ALERT Practice/Training Drill

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for on **TBD** from 9 AM – 1pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at sfpdalert@sfgov.org, or call Lt. Marina Chacon (SFPD Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:
<https://sfgov.org/policecommission/alert>

Tech Article

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

By Rodney Yee (KJ6DZI)

Date: 02/07/2021

What is the number one topic currently on everyone's minds? It is: "How in the heck does one figure out how to schedule and get a COVID-19 vaccine shot?".

For California, currently the COVID-19 vaccine remains only available for those folks in Tier 1A & Tier 1B: that includes folks 65 years and older.

For more details see: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

Currently all COVID-19 Vaccinations require an appointment which is done either by a phone call or by using a city/county specific online website. I have been told if you try making an appointment by phone, be prepared to be on the phone line for a long time before your call can be answered.

Since COVID-19 vaccinations are allocated and administered down to the city and county and level, folks will need to contact their individual health care hospital or city website.

It would be nearly impossible to list every California city and county COVID-19 vaccination sites, so I only listed San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara websites.

Please note the information presented here is constantly evolving and subject to change as new California COVID-19 vaccination sites open up.

For San Francisco:

<https://sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19>

Moscone Center South

The City has partnered with Kaiser Permanente to begin vaccinating eligible people at Moscone Center South.

Frontline healthcare workers and people 65 and over are eligible to book an appointment. You do not need insurance to book an appointment.

[Book an appointment at Moscone Center South.](#)

Moscone Center South

747 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

[Get directions](#)

Kaiser

866-454-8855

In English and Spanish

City College (drive thru)

The City has partnered with UCSF to vaccinate eligible people at City College of San Francisco.

People 65 and over are eligible to book an appointment. You do not need insurance to book an appointment.

Appointments at City College are by invitation only, because of the limited supply of vaccines. Sometimes extra appointments become available. [Check for availability.](#)

San Francisco State University

The City has partnered with Safeway Pharmacy to vaccinate people 65 years and older who live or work in San Francisco. You do not need insurance to book an appointment.

By appointment only.

[Book an appointment at San Francisco State University](#)

San Francisco State University
Mashouf Wellness Center (inside MAC Gym)
755 Font Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94132

[Get directions](#)

Find out [more about the COVID-19 vaccine in San Francisco](#).

More About Eligibility

The state has created a [population prioritization plan](#) for who gets the vaccine and when. It's based on the risk of getting COVID-19.

Frontline healthcare worker

Right now you are eligible if you are a frontline healthcare worker including doctors, nurses, paramedics, and service workers. [See your vaccination options if you're a healthcare worker who lives or works in SF](#).

Age 65 and over

People who are 65 and over are also now eligible to get vaccinated. Some sites are only booking appointments for people 75 and older.

Next steps

The City is launching these high volume sites so that we have places to vaccinate San Franciscans. Right now, there is not enough vaccine supply to vaccinate everyone who is eligible.

We are working to have these high volume sites ready to vaccinate thousands of San Franciscans a day. These sites vaccinate San Franciscans regardless of insurance status and for free.

Folks who have Kaiser health plan can contact their local Kaiser Hospital to make an appointment.

For Santa Clara Country

https://www.vaccinateca.com/counties/santa_clara.html

Santa Clara

These are all the locations we've contacted in Santa Clara county. We also have a page listing [official county vaccination policies and resources](#).

We call hospitals, pharmacies, and other health providers across California every day to find out if they are currently administering vaccines. The medical professionals working at these providers tell us about their current vaccination programs and we report what they say here. While we do our best to verify all information we receive,

we strongly encourage you to check with your doctor or local officials if you have questions about a vaccination site.

Vaccines reported available

1. Berger Auditorium

[Santa Clara County](#) · [1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112](#)

Updated 19 hours ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

County residents only

Appointment required Book appointments online here:

<https://vax.sccgov.org/berger>

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Expo Hall

[Santa Clara County](#) · [2542 Monterey Hwy \(Gate D\), San Jose, CA, 95111](#)

Updated 4 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

Appointment required Use <https://vax.sccgov.org/home> to look for appointments.

Full through 2/7.

Stanford Health Care - Las Positas Blvd

[Santa Clara County](#) · [5565 W. Las Positas Blvd, Pleasanton](#)

Updated 6 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

Current patients only

Latest info only eligible for Stanford Valley Care patients. vaccine available for 65+

. book appointments via <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/discover/covid-19-resource-center/patient-care/safety-health-vaccine-planning.html>

☐ **Stanford University Medical Center – Stanford**

[Santa Clara County](#)

Updated 8 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

Current patients only

Appointment required <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/discover/covid-19-resource-center/patient-care/safety-health-vaccine-planning.html> or 650-498-9000

☐ Latest info Jan 29: a few appointment slots available to patients who have received care at Stanford Health Care at least once in the last three years, are aged 65+, AND live in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, or Santa Clara county

☐ **Mexican Heritage Plaza**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95116](#)

Updated 8 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

☐ Latest info From: <https://www.schoolofartsandculture.org/events/2021/2/2/vacuna-de-covid-19-vaccine> FREE COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 65 years and older every Tuesday and Thursday + Frontline healthcare workers must show proof of age or work. Wristband Distribution at 8 am and continue until supplies are exhausted. Vaccinations 10:30am - 4:30pm

☐ **Santa Clara Valley Medical Center – San Jose (Santa Clara County Health System)**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [751 S Bascom Ave, San Jose, CA 95128](#)

Updated 10 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

☐ Latest info According to Santa Clara County Public Health, this location is offering vaccines. Schedule an appointment at <http://sccfreevax.org/>

☐ **Stanford Primary Care in Santa Clara**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [2518 Mission College Blvd #101, Santa Clara, CA 95054](#)

Updated 10 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

☐ Latest info According to Santa Clara County Public Health, this location is offering vaccines. Schedule an appointment at <http://sccfreevax.org/>

☐ **El Camino Hospital Mountain View**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [2500 Grant Rd Suite 1B20, Mountain View, CA 94040](#)

Updated 10 days ago

Vaccines reported available

75 years old and up

☐ Latest info According to Santa Clara County Public Health, this location is offering vaccines. Schedule an appointment at <http://sccfreevax.org/>

☐ **Valley Health Center - Tully Internal Medicine**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [500 Tully Rd San Jose CA 95111](#)

Updated 11 days ago

Vaccines reported available

65 years old and up

Appointment required

☐ Latest info They have vaccines available. You need make an appointment online at sccfreevax.org, you do not have to be a patient, but please go online to see the eligibility requirements

☐ **Community Services Department - City of Mountain View**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [201 South Rengstorff Ave. Mountain View, CA 94041](#)

Updated 11 days ago

Vaccines reported available

75 years old and up

County residents only

Appointment required <https://vax.sccgov.org/home>

☐ Latest info Appointment-only vaccination site at City of Mountain View Community Center, for county residents. "Due to limited vaccine supply, the County and other healthcare providers in the region are currently offering vaccinations to healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents, as well as people who are age 75 and older. As more vaccine supply becomes available, healthcare providers will expand access to additional groups." 8:30 am to 5pm, Monday-Friday Appointment sign ups at: <https://vax.sccgov.org/home>

☐ **Valley Health Center Gilroy**

[Santa Clara County](#) · [7475 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy, CA 95020](#)

Updated 16 days ago

Vaccines reported available

75 years old and up

Appointment required

☐ Latest info They are unsure when 65+ will be able to schedule. 75+ can schedule by phone or website. Recommend using Chrome as some users reported issues when using Firefox.

☐ **Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center – Santa Clara**

[Santa Clara County](#)

Updated 20 days ago

Vaccines reported available

75 years old and up

Current patients only

Appointment required Must be Kaiser Member.

<https://mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

VA Palo Alto Hospital – Palo Alto

[Santa Clara County](#)

Updated 23 days ago

Vaccines reported available

Appointment required Eligible veterans will be contacted to schedule appointments.

Latest info Eligible veterans will be contacted to schedule appointments.

For Alameda County

Please visit website: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines>

Please be sure to confirm this information with your healthcare provider.

Healthcare System	Current Eligibility <i>(Confirm with your healthcare provider)</i>	How to Schedule an Appointment
Oakland-Alameda Coliseum (FEMA and Cal OES)	Expected to be open to eligible members of the	MyTurn in the coming days

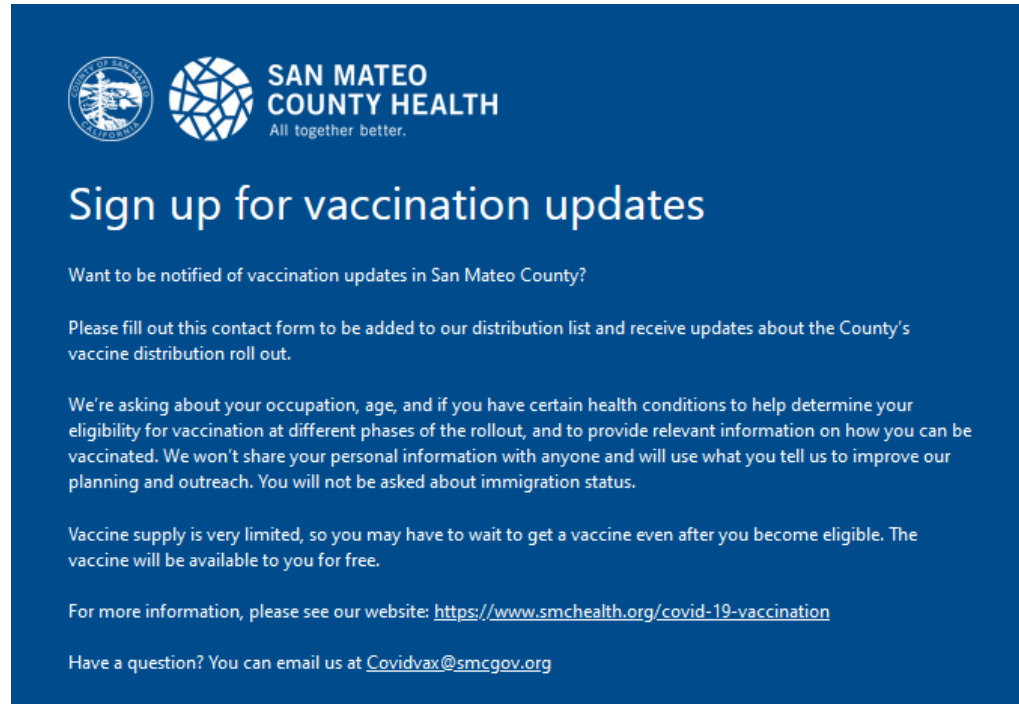
	public beginning February 16.	
Kaiser Permanente	<p>Kaiser members who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare workers • Long-term care patients and staff • Emergency medical services <p>Are you age 75 or older?</p> <p>Kaiser will contact you when they can schedule you.</p>	<p>For more information, visit:</p> <p>www.kp.org/covidvaccine</p>
Sutter Health	<p>Starting Thursday, 2/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutter patients age 65 and older • Healthcare workers, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 	<p>For more information, visit:</p> <p>www.sutterhealth.org/covid-vaccine</p> <p>Sutter patients can call (844) 987-6115 for an appointment</p>
Stanford Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care workers who work in 	<p>For more information, visit:</p> <p>https://stanfordhealthcare.org/covid19updates</p>

	<p>Alameda County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients who have received care at Stanford Health Care at least once in the last three years, are aged 65+, and live in Alameda County	
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Don't meet any of the above criteria? Contact your health provider directly to see if you can be vaccinated or complete the appropriate form at the top of this webpage.

For San Mateo County (includes Pacifica)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Nfb6DU2gzEin422hrwiD-S6Nu8Fm05tAID6PWRPnVixUOUo0N0NUM1VDRUtVMDIBMIZBNFFBOFVNyYQIQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=c539C3515-F3DE-944B-88F3-A8F48EC76AB3>



The image shows a blue sign-up form for vaccination updates. At the top left, there are two logos: the official Seal of San Mateo County, California, and a stylized globe logo. To the right of the globe logo, the text reads "SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with the tagline "All together better." underneath in a smaller font. Below the logos, the main heading "Sign up for vaccination updates" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. The body of the form contains several paragraphs of white text on a blue background. The first paragraph asks if the user wants to be notified of vaccination updates in San Mateo County. The second paragraph explains that filling out the form will add the user to a distribution list for updates on the county's vaccine distribution roll out. The third paragraph details that the form asks for occupation, age, and health conditions to determine eligibility and provide information on how to be vaccinated, while assuring that personal information will not be shared and immigration status will not be asked about. The fourth paragraph notes that vaccine supply is limited and users may have to wait, but the vaccine will be free. The fifth paragraph provides a website link for more information. The final paragraph offers an email address for questions.

<https://www.smchealth.org/covid-19-vaccination>

I know it seem like a very daunting task to get an COVID-19 vaccine appointment, but I can assure you that it can be done!

After unsuccessfully trying to get a COVID-19 vaccination when I checked several location sites, at 11:30 am, I was able to make an online appointment at South Moscone center in San Francisco and received my first dosage of COVID-19 on Saturday February 6, 2021. So, if you are unable to get an appointment the first time around, you need to revisit several websites where you can eventually schedule a COVID-19 vaccination. Yes, persistence does pay off and if I can do you, so can you! New dates for Covid-19 vaccination appointments are constantly opening up as the days roll forward.

Stay Strong and Stay Healthy!

Rodney Yee (KJ6DZI)