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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.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We are all holding our collective breaths for the availability of the COVID-19 Vaccines to the entire public not to just folks in the public service tiers, phase 1a.

On a side note, everybody in the US is still shaken up and trying to make sense of the political fallout from the storming of the Capital in Washington DC, on Wednesday January 6, 2020 during the certification of the Presidential Election.

Tech Article Introduction:

California Distribution of COVID-19 vaccine tiers explained. Please read article in the Tech Article Section at the bottom of this newsletter.

Looks like we will all be wearing mask for a while, as a beginning of year bonus to our CARC members, check this out as to the differences between N95 Mask and more: <https://fastlifehacks.com/n95-vs-ffp/>

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

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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.

If you have questions about the recertification process, you may contact the CORE Coordinator at 510-238-6351 or core@oaklandnet.com.

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD).

<http://sf-fire.org/calendar-special-events>

Upcoming events TBD

***SFFD DOT** is the Fire Department Division of Training. All participants walking, biking or driving **enter through the driveway gate on 19th St.** between Folsom and Shotwell. Parking is allowed along the back toward the cinderblock wall.

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnert to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line. Upcoming Special NERT Events.

San Francisco Police Department: Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)

The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is a citizen disaster preparedness program designed. The ALERT program is for volunteers 16 years of age or older, who live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

Graduates of the San Francisco Police Activities League (P.A.L) Law Enforcement Cadet Academy are also eligible to join.

ALERT volunteers will no longer need to complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) (www.sfgov.org/sfnert) training and then graduate into two 8 hour Police Department course specifically designed for ALERT team members.

ALERT members will work closely with full-time and/or Reserve Police Officers in the event they are deployed after a disaster. The Basic ALERT volunteer will have no law enforcement powers other than those available to all citizens.

SFPD ALERT Training (New Members)

The next SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for **TBD**. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break) on Saturday.

* Class date indicated are only for new members

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

By Rodney Yee – KJ6ZDI as of 01/08/2020

There is a lot of confusion about how the COVID-19 Vaccines are going to be distributed in California. This is a summation of the tiers (<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/national-international/whos-next-californias-vaccination-strategy-looks-something-like-this/2433270/>)

Phase 1A tier 1

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Also, in concordance with ACIP, residents in these settings
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

Phase 1A, Tier 2

- Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care
- Home health care and in-home supportive services
- Community health workers
- Public health field staff
- Primary Care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

Phase 1A, Tier 3

- Specialty clinics
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers

Phase 1B, Tier 1

- Those 75 years and older

- workers in education, childcare, emergency services, food and agriculture
- Utilities Workers, Police, Firefighters, Corrections Officers, Transportation Workers.

Phase 1B, Tier 2

- Those 65 years or older with underlying medical conditions or disabilities
- Workers in transportation and logistics; industrial, residential and commercial sectors; critical manufacturing
- incarcerated individuals and the homeless/unhoused

California's Vaccination Allocation: Phase 1C

Who will get the vaccine in Phase 1C is still under consideration by California's advisory committee and is further away from being finalized.

The CDC recommends this phase to include adults with high-risk medical conditions and adults over 65, but California is considering many of these individuals in Phase 1B.

Instead, California's Phase 1C would continue the process of vaccinating people unable to work from home or those who work in high-impact geographic areas who are most likely to spread the virus to co-workers or the public.

Phase 1C

- Those ages 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions and disabilities
- Workers in water and waste management; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous; communications and IT; financial services and government ops/community service.

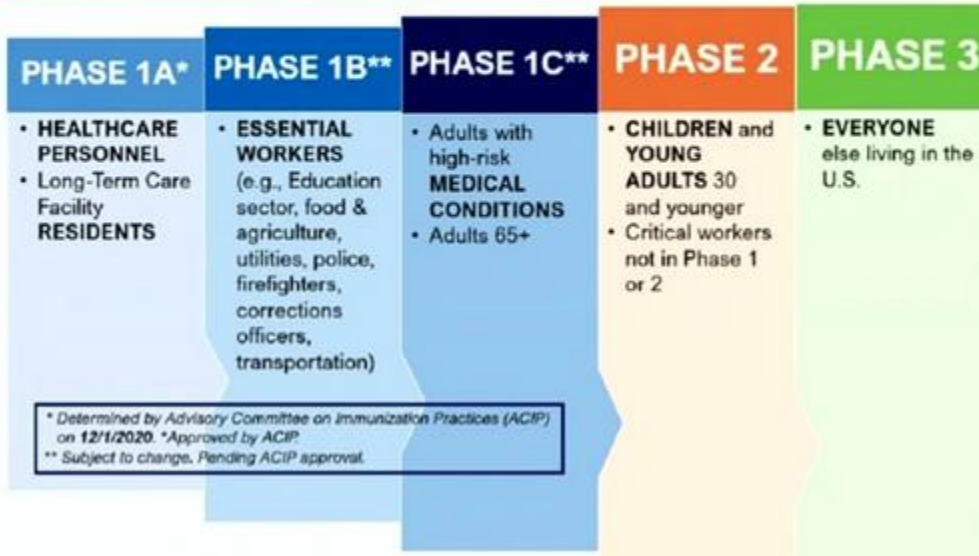
Phase 2

- Children and young adults 30 and younger
- Remaining essential workers who were not vaccinated in earlier phases.

Phase 3

- Anyone else living in the US

A PHASED APPROACH TO VACCINE ALLOCATION FOR COVID-19 (12/1/2020)



Now if you completely understood and memorized the above, you are way smarter than me!

The rules or phases are all totally subject to change as to when and what groups of people will be included. At this point we are all still in Phase 1A tier 1 according the California COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>. Seems that it is not being applied equality across the board. Since when are politicians are in phase 1A Tier 1?

Good luck trying to make sense out of it. Just keep your eyes glued to the news as to when the other Phases/Tiers officially open up!

I will do my best to keep you folks updated with vaccination Phases/Tier schedules.

Stay Safe and Healthy

- 73, Rodney Yee