

Educational, child care groups to be first among Tier 2 to receive vaccines

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The Tier 2 vaccinations to be distributed beginning Monday will only include elementary and secondary education personnel, higher educational personnel and child care personnel until further notice, Carson City Health and Human Services Director Nicki Aaker clarified this week after a media briefing announcing an update that the Quad-County Region was moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2.

Originally, the Nevada Appeal reported that all groups within Tier 2 would be able to receive the vaccine immediately. Aaker, however, explained CCHHS must receive approval from the state of Nevada to move forward within the tiers, and currently it is only authorized to serve educators and child care personnel.

"When we did Tier 1, that was the whole group," Aaker said. "Tier 1 did not have as many individuals as Tier 2. Tier 2 is huge."

Aaker said CCHHS is only provided with so many vaccines per week and is limited by how many it can disperse at a time,

adding it is never fully known if or when a change is coming in the plan for distribution.

Elderly Nevadans age 65 and older without underlying health conditions, along with the other groups such as homeless persons, people with underlying health conditions who are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and remaining educational staff and others, will be vaccinated in Tier 3. However, CCHHS has not yet announced when it will move to Tier 3.

"I know what I know today," she said. "Things change. When we get to Tier 3, it could be a little different. ... The (Nevada State Immunization Program) is making sure as they move forward with vaccinating, there's enough vaccines for everyone in that group so everyone has access. That's important because we don't want to open up a group and then all of a sudden we have a shortage."

Aaker said it will take "quite a few months" to make it through all of the groups in all the tiers down to Tier 4 which categorizes the state's healthy adults without underlying conditions.

Supes discuss pace of CO

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The new Carson City Board of Supervisors held its first meeting Thursday focusing on committee appointments and a discussion of the city's coronavirus vaccine program.

Mayor Lori Bagwell told health-care staff that citizens are concerned about the pace of the vaccine rollout, which started with police, fire and other emergency responders and is now available to education personnel but not yet the general public.

"We are not hoarding the vaccine and we will not waste it," said Jeanne Freeman, emergency operations center.

By Saturday, CCHHS will have administered 5,077 vaccines in the Quad County area of Carson City, and Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties.

The vaccine program started with the so-called tier 1 individuals and is now open to the first level of tier 2, which are educators and child care staff. Carson Tahoe Health staff are being vaccinated by the hospital.

"Tier 2 is massive compared to tier 1. We went through tier 1 quickly," said Freeman.

She also said the tier system used by the state may be revised in the next couple of weeks and that CCHHS is reaching out to the state pharmacy board and other possible

partners about administering, but there are some such as requirements for the vaccine and the supply collection required.

Supervisor Stacey G. Clear said that organizations at the Nevada Health Center is director of facilities emergency preparedness administering vaccine become available for the public.

"Organizations like other agencies are signing up to be making those outbreaks their patients. This is not on Carson City Health."

Between Dec. 20 and there were 590 positive coronavirus in Carson City, a 10 percent decrease from two-week period, said director, CCHHS.

Aaker said the decrease to no new inmate cases in prisons, which made previously reported cases.

In other business, the city passed an emergency suspension penalty fees for late renewals of licenses.

Hope Sullivan, planner, said the city has been dealing with a new online business licenses that the process through businesses.

"This will also allow make partial payment



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