



# MEMORANDUM

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## **Vaccination Grants to Medical Practices**

In an effort to increase vaccination rates in California, the Administration is establishing a grant program that will provide private practice physicians the means to become vaccination sites. This program will provide physicians with the financial resources they need to safely store and dispense COVID-19 vaccinations (i.e. Pfizer vaccines that have specific storage requirements).

Physicians will be able to request grants of up to \$11,000 to purchase freezers or other specialized equipment needed to set up their offices as small, community-based vaccination sites. As many as 4,000 California physicians may receive awards under this program. Primary care physicians are a trusted group who have personal relationships with their patients, and this effort will reach Californians directly in their communities. This will also provide additional opportunities for children 12-15 to be vaccinated in a safe and familiar environment.

This program will be administered through a contract with the Physicians for a Healthy California, a non-profit organization affiliated with the California Medical Association. The California Department of Public Health will oversee \$40 million of grant funds and disburse awards to selected physicians. Physicians for a Healthy California will work to get physicians to apply for grants; grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.