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CPCA Statement on State's New COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Plan

Sacramento - California Primary Care Association President and CEO Carmela Castellano-Garcia issued the following statement in response to the State's new vaccination distribution efforts aimed at streamlining and accelerating the process within California today:

"California's community health centers (CHCs) continue to be on the front lines testing, treating and providing vaccines to the state's most diverse communities. Currently providing care to more than 7.4 million Californians, many of whom are essential workers, CHCs are playing a pivotal role in ensuring those impacted most by the COVID-19 pandemic have access to needed care and are prioritized in receiving vaccinations within the state's tiered system.

"The California Primary Care Association is committed to the guarantee that COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccine distribution recognizes the higher burden of the disease in disproportionately impacted communities – including Black, Asian and Pacific Islander, Indigenous and Latinx persons – and places those groups at the center of COVID-19 response and recovery. We look forward with our continued work with the Administration and the Department of Public Health to ensure that equitable vaccine distribution is achieved in our state."

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About the California Primary Care Association

The California Primary Care Association (CPCA) represents more than 1,370 non-profit community health centers who provide care to more than 7.4 million patients each year. Community health centers (CHCs) are committed to providing comprehensive, high quality health care to everyone who walks through our doors, in a compassionate and culturally sensitive manner. CHCs include federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and FQHC look-a-likes, community clinics, free clinics, rural health clinics, migrant health centers, Indian health service clinics, and family planning clinics. Services include comprehensive primary and preventive care, women's health, dental, mental health, substance use treatment, health education, outreach and enrollment, pharmacy and more.