



COVID-19 Vaccination

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THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS HERE

STAY INFORMED. KEEP WEARING
YOUR MASK.

- Validated by the nation's top medical experts to be safe and effective
- Provided at no cost
- Phased distribution plan based on risk and level of exposure
- Widely available later in 2021




Vaccinate ALL 58

A safe and effective
COVID-19 vaccine is
one of the most
important interventions
to end the COVID-19
pandemic.



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Guiding Principles for Vaccine Rollout

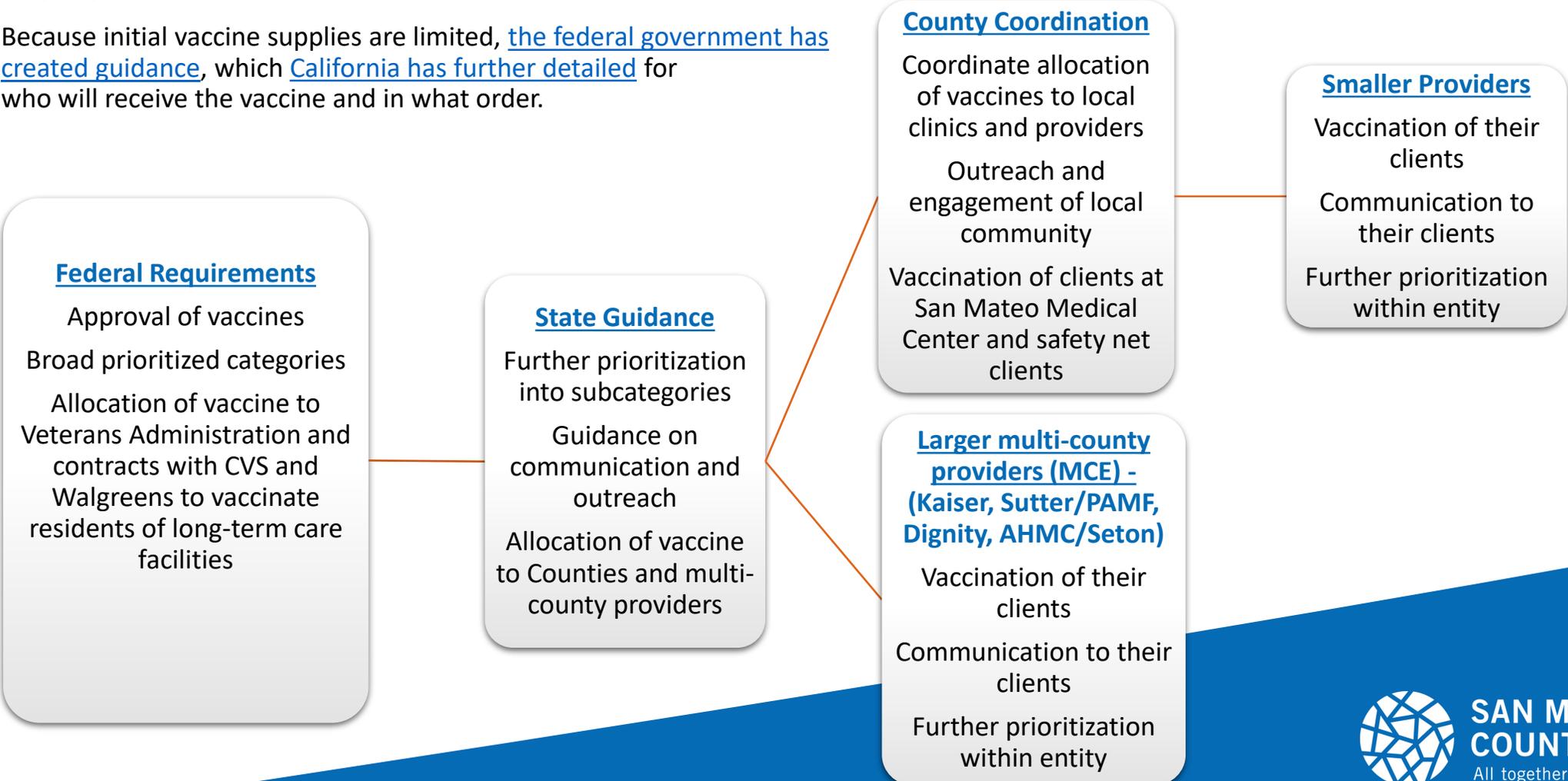
In active partnership with the state and federal government, San Mateo County Health is committed to being **safe**, **transparent**, and above all, **equitable** in providing COVID-19 vaccines to everyone who needs and requests vaccination

Safety, **Transparency**, **Equity**



Roles & Responsibilities

- Eventually there will be enough vaccine for everyone who lives in San Mateo County, and we are laying the foundation now to make access as easy as possible.
- Because initial vaccine supplies are limited, [the federal government has created guidance](#), which [California has further detailed](#) for who will receive the vaccine and in what order.



County Health Key Vaccine Responsibilities

- Coordination
 - vaccine allocation to local providers and engagement of multi-county entities (Kaiser, Dignity Health, PAMF/Sutter, AHMC/Seton)
- Communication
 - sharing information, learning from communities, and engaging with our residents and leaders to answer questions
- Vulnerable Communities
 - focusing on reaching our most impacted communities
- Data
 - sharing available data on local vaccine administration and allocation

Ensuring equitable distribution of the vaccine

- 1) Provide transparency in the science, data, and vaccination process.
- 2) Prioritize those that shoulder the most risk.
- 3) Acknowledge explicitly the negative and painful history of health care in the US in communities of color and current health inequities that have led to distrust in healthcare, research, and government.
- 4) Engage community and stakeholders to better understand their concerns and needs and respond to concerns and needs as much as possible.
- 5) Communicate effectively in culturally sensitive ways through trusted partners.
- 6) Overcome as many barriers to accessing the vaccine as possible – geographic, linguistic, cultural, physical, technological, documentation, mistrust, and more.
- 7) Learn and improve as we go.

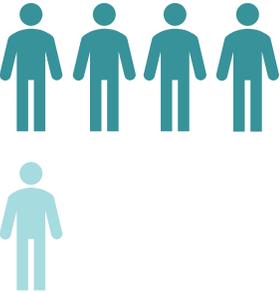


How will people get the vaccine?

- Vast Majority of People - Existing healthcare provider
 - Kaiser, Dignity Health, PAMF/Sutter, AHMC/Seton
 - NEMS, Ravenswood, local providers
- Residents of Long-term care facilities - Walgreens/CVS/Safeway
- Veterans – Veterans Administration
- Clients of County Health & those experiencing challenges getting vaccinated through providers - County Health as Safety Net Provider
 - San Mateo County Medical Center
 - Vaccination clinics (piloted healthcare vaccination clinic last week)
- Providers are reaching out to their clients/patients on process for vaccination

Phase 1a

- Health Care Workers & medical first responders
- Long Term Care Residents



[50,000]

Phase 1b tier 1

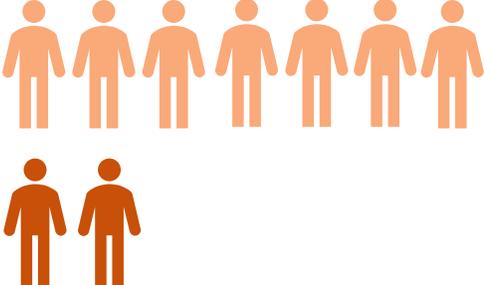
- Adults 75+
- Adults 65+
- Essential workers in:
 - Education/Childcare
 - Emergency Services
 - Food + Agriculture



[167,000]

Phase 1b tier 2

- Essential workers in:
 - Transportation & Logistics
 - Industrial/Residential/Commercial sectors
 - Critical Manufacturing
- Incarcerated individuals
- Homeless individuals



[72,000]

Phase 1c

- Adults 50-64 years old
- 16+ w/ underlying health condition or disabilities
- Workers in:
 - Water & waste management
 - Defense, energy & chemical sectors
 - Communications & information technology
 - Financial services & government operations
 - Community service

[TBD]

Timeline



- Phase 1a
- Phase 1b
- Phase 1c

• To Be Determined

• General Public



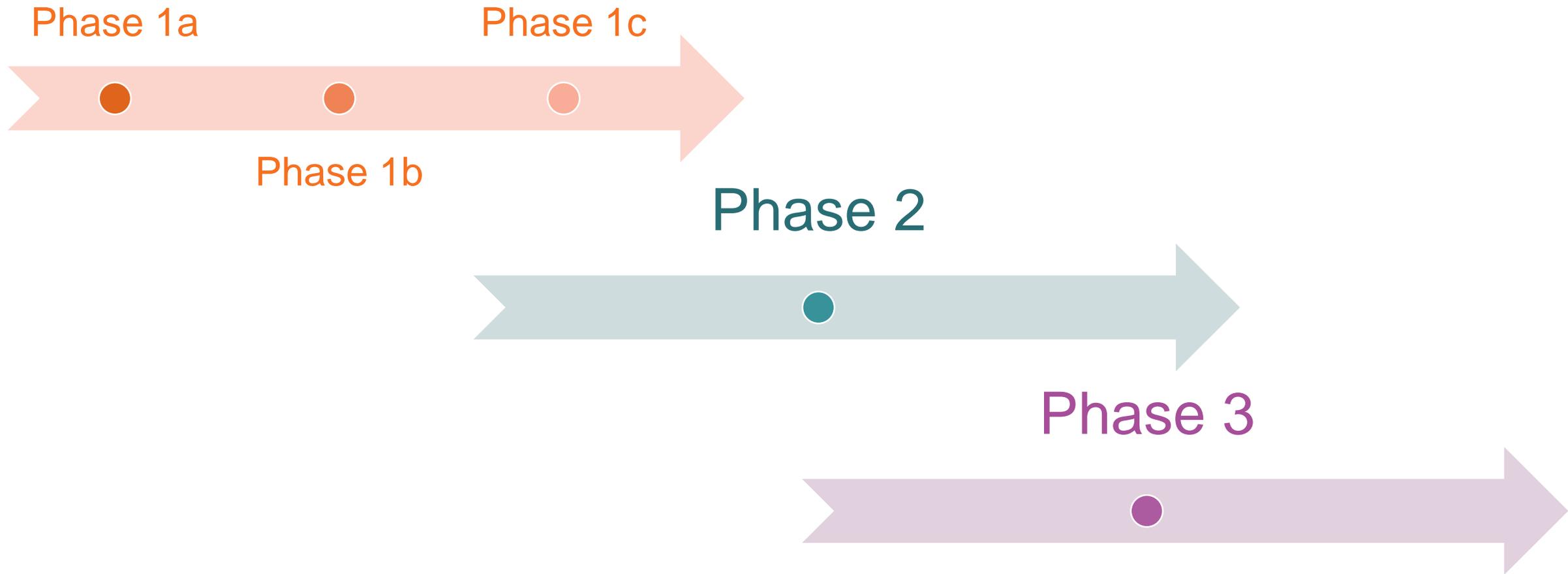
Now- February

February- April

April- June

Estimated Timeframes

Phases will likely overlap



Enforcement of Requirements

- Clear and extensive repercussions for not following the federal and state requirements for vaccine dissemination
- Disciplinary action by the Department of Consumer Affairs' respective licensing boards;
- Preventing the ordering of additional COVID-19 vaccine;
- Redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine to other compliant vaccination providers;
- Legal action by the federal government, state departments, and/or law enforcement agencies.



State of California—Health and Human
Services Agency
**California Department of
Public Health**



December 5, 2020

TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: CDPH Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine During Phase 1A: Recommendations

Recommendation A: Populations for Phase 1a

During Phase 1a of allocation, COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to the following persons in California:

- Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care settings.
 - This population includes persons at direct risk of exposure in their non-clinical roles, such as, but not limited to, environmental services, patient transport, or interpretation.
- Residents of skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar long-term care settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals.

Recommendation B: Subprioritization During Phase 1a

During Phase 1a, if there are not enough doses of COVID-19 vaccine for all who choose to receive them, then health departments should subprioritize doses as needed to match the level of available supplies in a sequential fashion using the following ranked categories:

◦ Persons exposed through work in health care or long-term care settings, by:

1. Type of facility or role
2. Location of facility
3. Attributes of individuals

• Health departments may reprioritize temporarily under limited circumstances described in Attachment C.

Recommendation C: Subprioritization by Population or Tier

If supplies are limited during Phase 1a, COVID-19 vaccines should be directed to as many tiers, and categories in each tier (e.g., hospitals) as possible to reach the prioritized populations.

- The tiers and categories in each tier are presented in ranked order.
- Persons immunizing the prioritized populations in a tier should be offered immunization in the same tier.

Vaccination Estimates

- Scale of the operation:
 - Approximately 619,000 adults in SMC
 - Targeting 90% or 557,000 people to reach sufficient population immunity
 - Estimate 6,200 vaccinations per day total across vaccinators
 - Approximate County responsibility: 1,200 vaccinations per day
- 33,046 San Mateo County residents vaccinated (21% have completed 2-doses)
- Anticipate major shifts from the State and Federal government this week and next



Vaccinations Underway

- Healthcare workers
- Emergency Responders
- Piloting clinics



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SMC Dissemination Efforts – Piloting and Learning

- Pilot Vaccine Clinic at Event Center for healthcare workers
 - 9,550 people vaccinated
- Working with Dignity Sequoia Hospital for healthcare IHSS workers this weekend
 - 2,000 in-home supportive service workers in SMC
 - Tailored outreach to connect with IHSS workers to ensure vaccination opportunities
- San Mateo Medical Center to pilot senior vaccination clinic at Ron Robinson Senior Clinic
 - For SMMC clients by appointment – Friday & Saturday
- One Medical Pilot w/ San Mateo Health Plan for age 75+ (Wed – Sun)
- Safeway partnership to expand capacity to reach long-term care facilities
 - 2 assisted living facilities completed (reached ~50) and 6 scheduled
- Walgreens and CVS – engaged the 17 skilled nursing facilities
 - Plus 180 congregate care facilities (over 500+ facilities across SMC)
- Learning from our pilots
- Exploring many options – pharmacies, mobile options and more

Local Vaccination Data Dashboards

1. Number of vaccines allocated to entities across San Mateo County
2. Number of residents of San Mateo County vaccinated – disaggregated by race, age, gender. Working on disaggregating by geography.

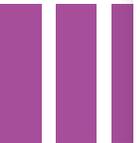
Coming soon.

Will share as soon as they are ready.



Vaccine Barriers and Acceptance

- Operations of obtaining the vaccine and vaccinating logistics and licensing
- Distrust of government, research, and healthcare
 - Painful and shameful history of health experimentation on people of color
 - Current health inequities in healthcare and beyond
- Misinformation
- Safety concerns
- Confidentiality (HIPPA) and immigration status concerns
- Accessibility to getting the vaccine
- Ensuring reach to those without healthcare providers
- Outreaching and messaging to our hard to reach populations

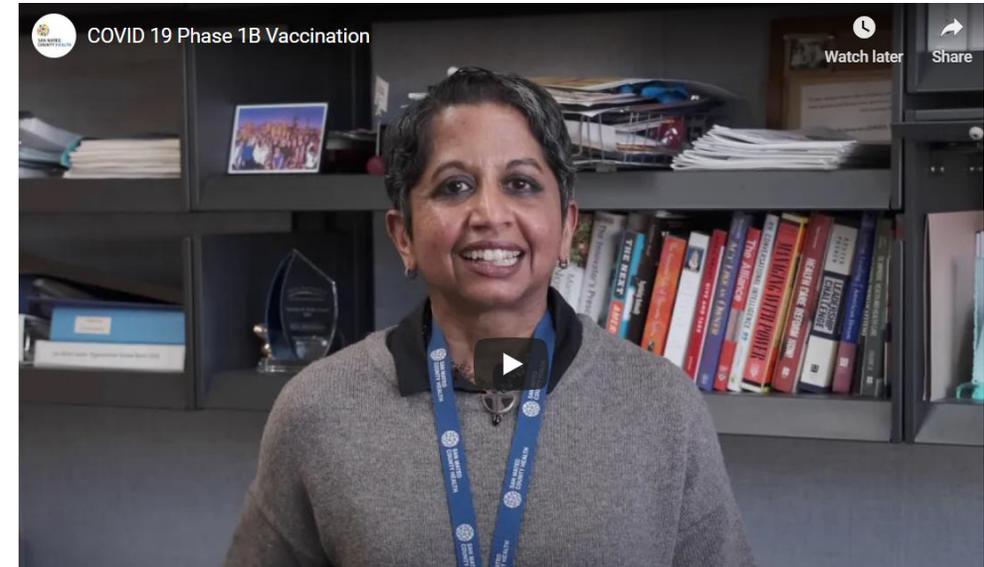


Local Community Engagement & Outreach

- Updating vaccine website: <https://www.smchealth.org/covid-19-vaccination>.
 - In process: Deeper acknowledgment of historic and current inequities
 - Presentations and forums sharing vaccine information, learning from community experiences and expertise, and answering questions
 - Telemundo, Univision, Spirituality Initiative, Immigrant Forum, Bay Area Community Health Advisory Committee, Youth Commission, and more
 - Partnership with key community based organizations and clinics to outreach to clients and community members in the BIPOC communities
 - SMC Vaccine Communication Equity Working Group
 - Countywide messaging and outreach plan
 - Targeted messaging and outreach
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Communication/Outreach Updates

- New video - who can get the vaccine and pathways to vaccine in SMC
- New video – Dr. Leroy Sims speaking to vaccine safety and skepticism in communities of color - https://youtu.be/0tS5PmpYn_U
- In process – video in Spanish with nurse on vaccine safety and skepticism in Latinx communities
- Office of Community Affairs –January 26th 5pm, Spanish forum - *Hablando claro: ¿Qué se sabe sobre la vacuna de COVID-19*



THANK YOU



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