

Assemblymember David Chiu receives his second shot of COVID-19 vaccine at Chinese Hospital and reminds the community to get the second shot



Assemblymember David Chiu received his second shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at Chinese Hospital in San Francisco today, to complete his inoculation against the deadly disease.

Starting from April 15, California has expanded the vaccine eligibility to all individuals 16 and older in California. According to SFGov.org, 60% of San Franciscans have already received their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccines. However, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report showed the number of people missing their second shot of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine nationwide has been doubled since the vaccine's first rollout in January; there are more than 5 million Americans have missed their second shot.

"It is important to complete the two-shot series to be fully vaccinated," said Assemblymember David Chiu. "Having both shots will provide stronger and longer protection against the coronavirus and its variants. I encourage all eligible residents to get vaccinated and complete the two-dose series for both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines."

The first shot of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provides some immunity and the second shot is a booster to the first shot that will keep you protected against COVID-19 and its variants.

"By receiving the second shot, you stand to benefit from the vaccine's 94-95% effectiveness. With one shot, the effectiveness of the vaccine is much lower," said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO.

To provide better accessibility of the vaccines for the community, Chinese Hospital is hosting a walk-in COVID vaccination clinic in San Francisco Chinatown at 845 Jackson Street, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH). Chinese Hospital is also part of the California MyTurn system (myturn.ca.gov), we encourage all the eligible community members who haven't received vaccination to come forward and get vaccinated. We also offer

COVID-19 vaccination appointments at all of our clinic locations for your convenience. To schedule a vaccination appointment at one of our clinics, please call 1-628-228-2828 or visit <https://chinesehospital.iqhealth.com/appointments/search/flex-new>.

“Our goal is to protect more people quickly, so we can reach herd immunity and get the virus under control sooner,” said Dr. Zhang.

In addition to the Covid-19 vaccine, Chinese Hospital also provides other COVID-19 related services since the beginning of the pandemic. We have been working closely with the city and state authorities and officials, media, and other community partners to provide testing, contact tracing, vaccination, treatment, education, and outreach to meet the needs of the community.

To learn more about our COVID-19 response, please visit our website www.chinesehospital-sf.org/covid19-resources.

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