



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 4, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Letters to the Governor and Congressional Delegation Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Supply**

Please see the attached letters from Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bronson to Pima County's Congressional Delegation and Governor requesting additional supply of the COVID-19 vaccine.

CHH/anc

Attachments

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
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SHARON BRONSON
CHAIR

February 4, 2021

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor
State of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine Supply**

Dear Governor Ducey:

We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of the Arizona Department of Health Services to assist Pima County in our Accelerated Vaccination Plan. We now have a number of systems designed to rapidly deploy vaccines that we are provided. We are doing so through dedicated regional centers, a number of community health clinics and mobile vaccination teams to reach the most vulnerable populations. We also appreciate the offer of the State to setup and operate a 24/7 point of distribution (POD).

Our present vaccination capacity or ability to provide vaccinations currently exceeds the vaccination supply. This was recently accentuated by a notice from ADHS that our vaccination allocation for this week was being reduced from 29,850 the previous week to 17,850 vaccines this week. We clearly understand the difficulty associated with vaccine supply and we offer our assistance to increase the vaccine supply to match our vaccination capacity.

To further this assistance, we will also contact our Congressional Delegation to ask for their assistance in increasing the COVID-19 vaccine supply to Arizona. Based on the age distribution of our residents as well as minority and low income populations, we clearly should have additional vaccines in Arizona if we are to reduce community public health disparities.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Bronson, Chair
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Governor Ducey
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The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine Supply**

Dear Senator Sinema:

I would like to thank you for your efforts as well as that of the President of the United States to increase vaccine supplies for all Americans. Pima County has been very proactive in establishing vaccine capacity, which means we have the physical, human and medical infrastructure to rapidly vaccinate our population and we have concentrated on the most vulnerable first.

We have made significant progress as a County and have a very high, if not the highest, vaccination rate per 100,000 residents in Arizona of those counties with significant population. We had hoped for an increasing vaccination supply as in the past we typically received 12,500 vaccines per week. This number had increased over the last two weeks to 29,850 vaccines, consistent with our increased vaccine delivery infrastructure as well as our priority population; however, this week we have been notified by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) that our allocation has now decreased to 17,850. ADHS informed our Health Department this morning that we should expect to see a similar allotment for next week. We have the vaccination infrastructure to significantly exceed this amount.

We ask for your assistance in obtaining additional vaccination supplies for Arizona as well as Pima County in particular. Our State, with a higher elderly and Hispanic population than other States and higher low income population, needs more vaccines if we are to make any inroads in reducing historical public health disparities so prevalent in the past.

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The Honorable Mark Kelly
Dirksen Senate Office Building Suite B40B
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine Supply**

Dear Congressman Grijalva:

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The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
309 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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