

Speaker 1: An assisted living center in La Quinta will be one of the first to take part in the CDC's national COVID-19 vaccination program. Our Nico Payne spoke with officials on what this means for the community and how the program will roll out.

Nico Payne: Caleo Bay, an assisted living and memory care center is one of the first local communities to enroll in a free COVID-19 vaccination program. In partnership with the CDC and local drug stores, the facility in La Quinta will have the opportunity to receive onsite [00:00:30] vaccinations for free.

Dawn Connelly: Our residents' safety and our employees' safety is of the utmost importance, and so it's our mission to pioneer and partner with the CDC, and CVS and Walgreens.

Nico Payne: Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County's Public Health Officer explains how the vaccine will be distributed in three phases.

Dr. Cameron Kai...: The first phase is the one that they're looking at. That's going to be not only first responders and medical providers, but also [00:01:00] folks in congregate living settings, skilled nursing facilities, the folks who are the most medically vulnerable, the ones where we've seen the most deaths from COVID-19.

Nico Payne: The second phase will prioritize populations being impacted by COVID-19, and the third phase is when the vaccine will be available to everyone. Dr. Kaiser also explains the process of receiving a vaccination.

Dr. Cameron Kai...: Just keep in mind that you will require a second shot. Just one won't be enough, and you will potentially need a booster later, depending on how long the studies will show [00:01:30] it lasts.

Nico Payne: And what people can expect in the aftermath.

Dr. Cameron Kai...: The side effects are going to be pretty minor, most similar to what you'd get from a flu shot, but neither of these vaccines can give you COVID-19 because all they have is just a piece of it's genetic code.

Nico Payne: Caleo Bay's staff is proud to be among the first to offer this, but understands it will be a learning process once the vaccine rollout begins.

Dawn Connelly: We want to be ahead of the game, during this COVID challenge and give families peace of mind. Ultimately, we [00:02:00] want to get back to our families being able to visit.

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