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California Legislature

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Governor Gavin Newsom Office of the Governor State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

Your recently-announced goal of distributing one million vaccines within 10 days is the most urgent priority facing the State. To ensure the efficient delivery of vaccines, we respectfully request your consideration of the following ideas and requests from our constituent communities:

- 1) The incoming Biden Administration announced last week its aim to release nearly all available vaccine to states. As counties continue to report uncertainty about the quantity of vaccines that they can expect over the next several weeks, and to better prepare for a larger roll out, including staffing and how to set up sites, please provide the following information to counties:
 - a. A reliable forecast for expected vaccine quantity over the next four weeks;
 - b. Updated forecasts at least weekly, if there are large variations;
 - c. Supply updates on a 7-day rolling basis for future weeks, after the initial four week period is complete.
- 2) Please build on your recent efforts to expand authorization for who can administer the vaccines and how they can reach vaccine sites efficiently by taking the following actions:
 - Complete the authorization of nursing students, retired medical professionals, and firefighters to administer vaccine shots;
 - b. Expand the use of the National Guard in delivering vaccines across the state, and charge its members with medical training to administer vaccines.
- 3) While you have announced a plan for the necessary \$300 million to distribute vaccines and there is pending guidance from the federal government about additional vaccine distribution funding, please reassure counties that reimbursements for their role in the vaccination process will be forthcoming. While financial details are still to be

determined, a commitment to reimbursement from the State will help ensure that counties will work efficiently and their responsibilities will not be hampered by potential funding concerns during this public health crisis.

We are all aware of the limited number of vaccines that have been made available to the states, but we believe that we need to plan for a more effective and efficient roll out of these vaccines so we can further improve the public health of Californians and start rebuilding our state. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact, Scott Herbstman, Chief Consultant of the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee at scott.herbstman@asm.ca.gov.

Thank you for your consideration. As the Legislative session begins, we look forward to working collaboratively with you on advancing this key priority.

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