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MEMORANDUM

Laurie Smith
Sheriff

DATE: April 6, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff DocuSigned by: *Laurie Smith*
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SUBJECT: **Off Agenda Report : Report back on the status of COVID-19 vaccinations**

At the Board of Supervisors Meeting on February 9, 2021, Item No. 17, Supervisor Lee and President Wasserman requested a report relating to clarification of the number of employees who have not yet been vaccinated; the number who have been vaccinated, including through non-County sources; and, the number of individuals unable to be vaccinated for other reasons. In addition, Vice President Ellenberg requested that the Office of the Sheriff report the number of employees vaccinated outside the clinic provided for Office of the Sheriff employees, where the vaccinations were obtained, the number of employees who decline vaccination, and the reasons for declining vaccinations.

As of April 1, 2021, 60% or 1,123 Sheriff's Office employees have been vaccinated. This includes staff who only qualified for vaccinations beginning on February 22nd. This total does not include those that were vaccinated at other providers and have not notified our personnel of the vaccines. Vaccines are continuously provided to staff as it becomes available.

The ability to get vaccinations through the XSC clinic is currently on-going. Some of the reasons employees have not yet been vaccinated include: medical advice, medical conditions, recent COVID-19 virus, recent flu shots or other vaccinations. The Sheriff's Office only tracks employees if they receive the vaccine at the XSC clinic. Some qualified employees have been vaccinated at other locations, per the following directive from the County:

(1) through Employee Health, a site dedicated for County employees at the Administrative Office Building (AOB) at 2325 Enborg Lane in San José (by invitation from Department Heads via an established process); (2) at any of the County's vaccination sites by signing up directly. . . through their own health care provider, if available; or (4) for firefighters, paramedics, correctional officers, and law enforcement officers, through the first-responder only vaccination clinic offered by local fire and emergency medical service providers. Those that have been vaccinated at other locations may elect to notify our Personnel Division of their vaccination and are included in the total numbers.

Of the 1,023 staff assigned to the Custody Bureau, 562, or 55%, are known to have been vaccinated. However, not all staff within the Custody Bureau are assigned to functions within the facilities. For those assigned within the facilities that have not produced proof of vaccination, they are continuing to be mandated by the Sheriff to complete daily rapid testing.

Most civilian staff were not authorized to be vaccinated until February 22nd and their vaccinations are on-going.

Sworn personnel were initially able to receive the vaccine on January 13th and that site continued operations until January 29th. After that date, second vaccines were only available. The XSC clinic reopened again on February 22nd for all law enforcement and continues in operation for vaccines.

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