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## CVS Pharmacy offers prizes to boost COVID vaccinations nationwide

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Moraga's Rheem Valley CVS location is just one of many distributing COVID-19 vaccinations Photo Vera Kochan

Remember six months ago when getting a vaccination appointment after hours of attempts was akin to winning the lottery? Now that the process has become as easy as ordering takeout, CVS Pharmacy has created a sweepstakes to encourage those who have yet to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, by offering an impressive array of prizes as incentives.

According to a CVS Health statement, any eligible customers who have or plan to receive a COVID-19 vaccination through CVS qualifies to enter the #OneStepCloser sweepstakes. Over a period of six weeks, beginning June 1, weekly drawings of valuable prizes are being offered.

"We're grateful for the millions of people who've received one of the well over 17 million doses we've administered at CVS Health, but we have a long way to go," stated Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of CVS Health Dr. Kyu Rhee. "Getting as much of the population fully vaccinated will bring us one step closer to all the things we've missed during the past 14 months, and keep our country moving in the right direction."

California ranked 24th in the nation with regards to the percentage of distributed vaccines that have been administered (81.16%), as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data tracker as of June 4. The number of doses distributed to the state are

47,603,460 with 38,637,246 of those doses having been administered.

As of June 3, Contra Costa Health Services reports that 65% (641,947 people) of the county's population of 12 and older have been fully vaccinated, while 74.7% (737,969 people) are partially vaccinated.

Lamorinda's statistics are equally impressive within that report. Lafayette's total population of 25,604 has 78.1% fully vaccinated and 89.1% partially vaccinated. Moraga's total population of 16,946 has 66.1% fully vaccinated and 75.7% partially. Orinda's total population of 19,009 has 72.3% fully vaccinated and 82.8% partially.

Sweepstakes prizes include: Super Bowl tickets; vacation trips; a VIP package to the iHeartRadio Music Festival; cruises; a 2022 Men's College Basketball Championship package; \$500 gift cards and more. The sweepstakes is effective nationwide and includes all customers, 18 and up, who received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or certify that they will have received their first dose at a CVS Pharmacy or off-site CVS clinic by July 10.

The following Lamorinda CVS locations are available for vaccine distribution: 3625 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette; 580 Moraga Rd, Moraga; 1480 Moraga Rd, Suite D, Moraga; and 50 Moraga Way, Orinda.

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