



Public Health Division

# County of Santa Cruz

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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL CHEFS TO PROMOTE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

**Santa Cruz County, Calif.** – Santa Cruz County Public Health has teamed up with local James Beard award-winning food writer Andrea Nguyen and noted sommelier Jeff Bareilles, former Wine Director at Manresa restaurant, to bring COVID-19 vaccinations to those working in the food industry.

The four-day event, called COVID-19 Restaurant week, begins today and culminating Friday with a public vaccination event at the Santa Cruz Food Lounge. Santa Cruz Public Health will be visiting restaurants throughout the community to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to their staff. Restaurants that are interested in signing up can do so by filling out this survey <https://bit.ly/3mNwkZc>. Public Health will provide small incentives (gift cards) to encourage vaccines.

“I was happy to be given the opportunity by Public Health to promote COVID-19 vaccinations in my community,” chef Nguyen said. “The Santa Cruz restaurant and food industry is an important part of our local economy and providing easy access to vaccine for restaurant staff is an effective way to keep our community healthy.”

The event ends on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with a community vaccine clinic from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Food Lounge, 1001 Center St., in collaboration with the Food Lounge and 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Coffee. Those who receive a vaccine at the clinic can choose a free coffee drink from 11<sup>th</sup> Hour’s menu. Individuals will also be entered to win a signed copy of Andrea Nguyen’s book, Vietnamese Food Any Day. Vaccine appointments can be made at <https://myturn.ca.gov> and walk-ins are welcome.

For local information on COVID-19, go to <https://www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus> or call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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