

I am writing this message because of my deep concerns regarding Governor Brown's decision to vaccinate teachers before the elderly people. Our local paper said around ten percent of the teachers will not take the vaccine or return to school, begging the question who will replace them? There is a limited pool of substitute teachers that all of the schools will be drawing from. That pool has also been diminished because many of the substitutes were retirees who are old enough to fall into the high risk pool of the Covid-19 virus patients that don't survive the virus. Some classes are specialized and few if any substitutes are qualified to teach them. Many of the teachers and Teachers Union are against reopening the schools at this time. Given that there is a good likelihood that the schools will not open in the near future even if most of the teachers are vaccinated.

Governor Brown's decision to vaccinate teachers before the elderly people does not follow the Federal Guide Lines for vaccinations. There are many deaths that can be prevented if the elderly are vaccinated prior to the teachers who are in the low risk category. Even the Covid-19 virus committee that the Governor appointed disagrees with her decision.

Please do the right thing and vaccinate the elder prior to the teachers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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