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To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Dear Supervisors:

Governor Newsom recognizes that vaccinating teachers will pave the way to safely reopening schools. Teachers and families will be more confident that the schools are safe. They will also appreciate the stability of keeping schools open rather than the yo-yo effect of opening and closing them because fewer cases arise on campuses. They will be more likely to enroll their students to attend school in person.

My question is, when will this happen in Santa Barbara county? The article, "Teachers Move to the Front of the Vaccine Line in Most Counties," appeared in EdSource and reported many counties already administering them to teachers. San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Sonoma, and many others have are scheduling vaccines and have had vaccination clinics where large groups of educators have received their vaccine.

The County website <https://www.countyoffice.org/santa-barbara-county-public-health-department-santa-barbara-ca-03f/> lists many services the county provides. Vaccination appointments needs to be a one-click action. An article from Noozhawk lists four different websites to consult in order to make an appointment. It is time-consuming and confusing, even daunting, especially for a working person.

Please use your knowledge and influence to streamline the process for teachers to sign up for vaccines in Santa Barbara County. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carol Swain