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PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Variant B.1.1.7 Found in Glenn County

GLENN COUNTY, CA — Glenn County Public Health has been notified that a resident tested positive for the B.1.1.7 Alpha variant of the coronavirus. The B.1.1.7 Alpha variant is often referred to as the UK or England variant. It's one of the variants of concern in California as it is more contagious and tends to make people sicker.

“We will likely continue to have more variants in our county, and potential consequences for those not vaccinated will be more significant,” states Dr. Jared Garrison, Glenn County Health Officer. In the last few weeks, Glenn County has had two deaths from the virus, including one individual in their 40s. Those deaths are the 26th and 27th Glenn County deaths from the virus, all largely preventable.

The most protective strategy is getting the COVID vaccine, which works against the B.1.1.7 Alpha variant. Those 12 years of age and over are now eligible for the free COVID vaccine. Pfizer is currently the only vaccine type approved for residents 12 years of age and over. The COVID Vaccine is available at the following locations in Glenn County (vaccine type available may vary):

- Dr. Joanne Reid (pediatrician) | 263 N. Villa Ave. Willows | Wednesdays only | signup: (530)934-8700 | 12+ years
- Northern Valley Indian Health | 207 N. Butte St. in Willows | Flyer in [English](#) ; Flyer in [Spanish](#) signup: <https://nvih.org/> or call (530) 781-1447 | 12+ years
- Walgreens Pharmacy | 828 Newville Rd in Orland | signup: <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19> | 12+ years
- Optum Serve (Orland Memorial Hall) | 320 3rd St. in Orland | Wednesday-Saturday (evening appointments available) | signup: myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255 | walk-ins welcome | 18+ years

P.O. Box 611, Willows, CA 95988 Phone: (530) 934-6514 Fax: (530) 934-6521
Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request.

- Orland Care Pharmacy | 61 E. Walker St. Orland | signup: (530)865-4688 | Walk-ins welcome | 18+
- Walmart | 470 N. Airport Rd. in Willows | signup: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302> | 18+ years

For more information, Glenn County Public Health Department can be contacted Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 530-934-6588 or COVID@countyofglenn.net or visit www.countyofglenn.net/COVID19

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