CA Governor Newsom's COVID 'Equity' Plan: Vaccinate 2 Million Latinos Or California Won't Reopen

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California Governor Newsom announced that 40% of all the state's available vaccines will go to Latino communities in the Central Valley and in areas of Los Angeles because Latinos have reportedly suffered the most death and illness from Covid-19. Newsom is using the mass vaccination of the Latino community as a condition for reopening the state to coerce the group into taking the vaccine. State Health and Human Services Director Dr. Mark Ghaly also tied the vaccine and said that once the shots are in the arms, the state can reopen businesses and schools.

California Governor Gavin Newsom has completely changed his response to COVID — again — this time leveraging opening the state for all Californians on the backs of low-income Latinos living in the areas with the highest rates of the illness.

In the name of "equity," Newsom announced Thursday that 40% of all the state's available vaccines will go to Latino communities in the Central Valley and in pockets of LA because Latinos have suffered the most death and illness from COVID.

And there's a catch: Until the Latinos in these areas take the vaccine in higher numbers, California will stay locked down.

State Health and Human Services Director Dr. Mark Ghaly said once the shots are in the arms, the state can reopen.

> *"As we achieve higher levels of vaccine in the hardest hit communities, we feel more confident that more and more activities across the state can occur," he said in a briefing Thursday.*
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> *Once 2 million vaccine doses are given out in those neighborhoods, the state will make it easier for counties to move through reopening tiers that dictate business and school reopenings. With 1.6 million shots administered, he said he expects to hit that target in the next week or two.*
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> *Once the state gives out 4 million doses in those neighborhoods, state officials will revise the metrics for reopening sooner.*

The new plan swaps out the current color-based tier plan with a person-of-color-based plan.

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