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- Possible arson suspect, victim found dead in Yucca Valley house fire
- COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Southern California
A victim and suspect were found dead in a house fire that is being investigated as a suspected arson and homicide in Yucca Valley, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department reported Wednesday.

An unidentified male victim and Jeffery Wire Sr., 45, of Yucca Valley, were found deceased in the 7700 block of Bannock Trail, the Sheriff’s Department reported. Wire has been determined to be the suspect in the incident as he was discovered near the fire’s point of origin, the Sheriff’s Department said.

On Monday, Dec. 14, at about 11:21 p.m., the Sheriff’s Department respond to a residential fire after being requested by the San Bernardino County Fire Department. While extinguishing the fire, fire personnel located the victims.

Autopsies will be conducted to determine the cause of death of the victim and suspect, the Sheriff’s Department said.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information was asked to contact Detective Eric Ogaz at 909-387-3589. Callers can remain anonymous and contact WeTip at 800-78CRIME or www.wetip.com

COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Southern California
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A red San Bernardino County Fire Department truck carrying Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is escorted by Colton police cars at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. (Irfan Khan/Los Angeles Times)

The COVID-19 vaccine continues to roll out throughout Southern California.

At least three more hospitals began vaccine distribution Wednesday, including UC Irvine Health, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The question on everyone’s mind now: When can I get it?

The state’s initial allocation — 327,600 doses in all — will go mostly to acute-care hospitals to be administered to healthcare workers, although some counties have said they also will send a portion to skilled nursing facilities.

California is planning on receiving roughly 2.1 million doses by the end of the year, Governor Gavin Newsom said. But the vaccine is not expected to be available to everyone who wants it until at least the spring.