

# COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution: Phases 1

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The supply of COVID-19 vaccine is limited, which means that the vaccine will be offered to different groups of people in different phases, starting with our healthcare workers. As more vaccines become available, it will be offered to everyone. Below is a list of groups that will be offered the vaccine in phases, according to their risk of exposure.

- Key:**
- Green circle indicates that the group has been offered the vaccine.
  - Yellow circle indicates that the group is waiting to be offered the vaccine.
  - Red circle indicates that the vaccine is not yet available at this time.

## Phase 1A

### Tier 1:

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Residents in long-term care settings
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

### Tier 2:

- Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care
- Home health care and in-home supportive services
- Public Health field staff
- Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics
- Community health workers, including promotoras

### Tier 3:

- Specialty clinics (i.e. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient, surgery, physical therapy, etc.)
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers
- Veterinarians

## Phase 1B

### Tier 1:

- **Persons 65 years and older**
- **Frontline Essential Workers**  
Sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture

### Tier 2:

- **Frontline Essential Workers**  
Sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing
- **Congregate settings with outbreak risk**  
Incarcerated  
Homeless

## Phase 1C

- **Persons 50-64 years old**
- **Persons 16-49 years old with high risk health conditions**

- **Other essential workers**  
Water and Wastewater  
Chemical and Hazardous Materials  
Finance Services  
IT and Communication

- Government Operations / Community-Based Essential Functions
- Defense
- Energy

- Other groups not included may be added to a comparable phase.

These proposed allocations are based on recommendations by the CDC and ACIP

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