



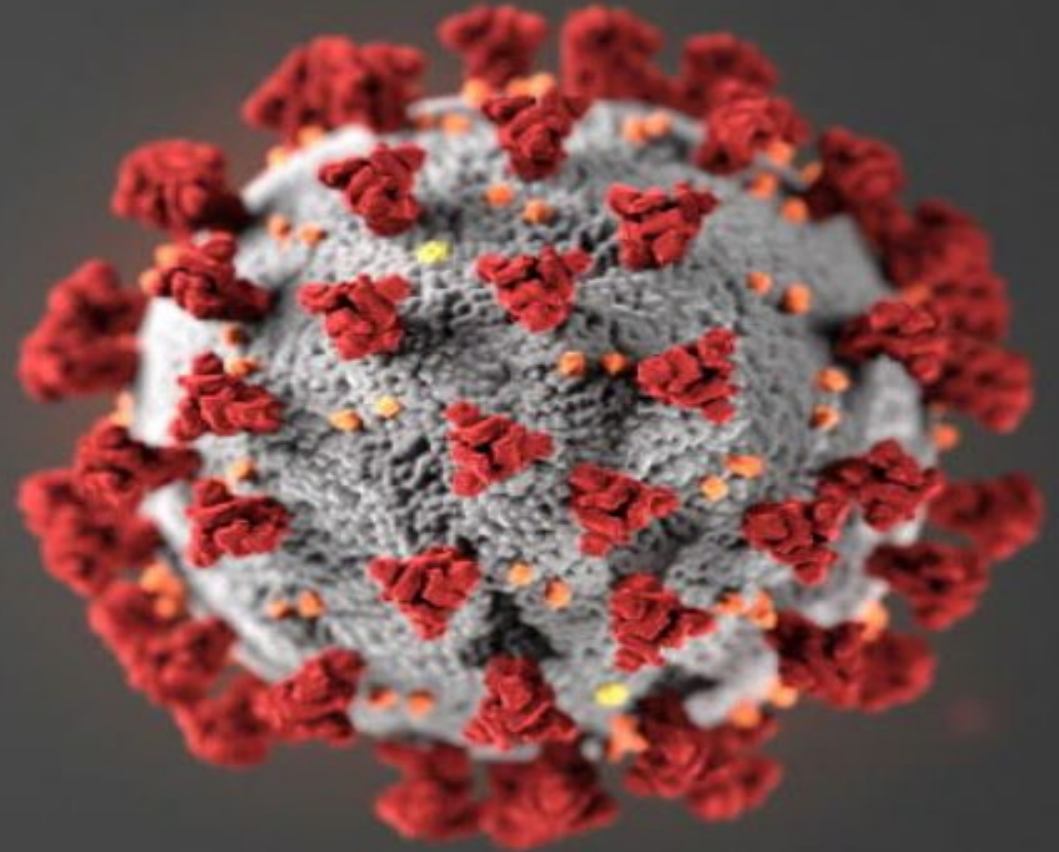
COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization & Allocation

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A close-up photograph of three glass vials containing a clear liquid, likely vaccine. The vials have blue caps and white labels with red vertical lines. The central vial's label clearly shows 'COVID-19' in large black letters and 'VACCINE' in smaller letters below it. The other two vials are partially visible on either side, also labeled 'COVID-19'.

Which Phases are We Vaccinating Currently?

- Phase 1A
 - Priority 1 Group A through D
 - Priority 2 Group A & B
 - Priority 3 Group A through C
- Phase 1B
 - Only Group A and B
- Phase 1C
 - Only Group A

Addendum

- On February 15, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health of Human Services (MDHHS) sent out a health alert to provide clarification of the Prioritization Guidance as well as announce new initiatives to advance the state's equity strategy. Changes to the Michigan COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Guidance are as follows:
- Starting immediately, mortuary service workers will be able to be vaccinated as part of Phase 1A Priority Three Group A as workers who have direct patient contact who conduct high risk procedures (e.g., dentists, endoscopy, dialysis, mortuary services). This group is being reclassified to be more consistent with federal interpretation of the ACIP guidance.
- On March 1, MDHHS will expand vaccine eligibility to 79,000 workers in food processing and agricultural settings. This portion of Phase 1B Group C includes frontline essential workers at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 because their work duties must be performed on site and involve being in close proximity (i.e., within 6 feet) to coworkers. If further sub-prioritization is needed due to limited vaccine supply, local health departments may consider prioritizing workers in locations of their jurisdiction where high rates of transmission and/or outbreaks have occurred and/or workers who are at increased risk for severe illness based on age or underlying medical conditions.

Phase 1A Priority 1 Through 3

PHASE 1A: Paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home as well as residents in long-term care facilities.

Priority One: Keep critical health care infrastructure open and functioning (i.e., hospitals, critical care units, and emergency medical response systems) through vaccination of staff who perform direct patient care and work in critical areas including:

- Group A: Emergency medical service providers, including medical first responders
- Group B: General medical floor
- Group C: Emergency department
- Group D: Intensive care units

Priority Two: Prevent outbreaks and protect residents in long-term care facilities.

Group A: Vaccinate workers who have direct contact with large number of vulnerable residents.

Note: this would include staff who come in and out of the buildings.

- Skilled nursing facility staff
- Psychiatric hospital staff
- Homes for aged staff
- Adult foster care centers staff
- Assisted living facility staff
- Home health care workers caring for high risk clients with large patient loads (e.g. people with a tracheostomy/ventilator at home)

Group B: Vaccinate vulnerable residents in long-term care facilities.

- Skilled nursing facility residents
- Psychiatric hospitals patients
- Homes for aged residents
- Adult foster care centers residents
- Assisted living facility residents

Priority Three: Keep necessary health care infrastructure functioning.

Group A: Vaccinate workers with direct patient contact who conduct high risk procedures (e.g., dentists, endoscopy, dialysis).

Group B: Vaccinate other workers who have direct patient contact, including outpatient, urgent care, ambulatory care, and home health care.



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Group C: Vaccinate workers with specialized skills critical to health care system functioning who have indirect patient contact (e.g. hospital and public health laboratories, pharmacy, and medical waste handlers).

Phase 1B

- Phase 1B: Persons 75 years of age or older and frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure

Phase 1B, Group A and B Only

Group A: Persons 75 years of age or older not covered in Phase 1A. This includes those in a congregate setting that were not reached in Phase 1A.

Group B: Prioritized frontline workers whose work role has frequent or intense exposure, and, due to the nature of the work, are not able to maintain social distance. For example, a first responder may have to physically touch other people in their response, and a child care provider cannot maintain social distance from children when caring for their physical needs. The specific prioritized categories are:

- Pre-Kindergarten through high school teachers, support staff and child care workers who usually have direct contact with children
- First responders not covered in Phase 1A (e.g., firefighters, police, conservation officers, inspectors)
- Corrections workers (e.g., staff in prisons, jails, juvenile justice facilities)
- Workers in homeless shelters, congregate child care institutions, and adult and child protective services

Phase 1B, Group C **Not Vaccinating Currently**

Group C: Other frontline essential workers in sectors essential to the functioning of society and at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 because their work related duties must be performed on site and involve close proximity (within 6 feet) to the public or to coworkers.

Frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure include by ACIP are:

- Food and agriculture workers
- Critical manufacturing workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Workers with unique skills not covered above, such as on-hospital laboratories and mortuary services

Phase 1C

- Phase 1C: Individual's age 16 years or older at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 infection and some other essential workers whose position impacts life, safety, and protection during the COVID-19 response

Phase 1C, Group A Only

Group A: Individuals age 65 to 74 years. This includes those in congregate settings that were not reached in prior Phases.

Group B: Individuals age 16 to 64 years with COPD, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity or other conditions that put them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcome.

Some other essential workers whose work is performed on site, not covered in prior Phases, will also likely be vaccinated during this phase, most in the summer. MDHHS will adapt this guidance as vaccine availability becomes clearer.

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Core vaccine administration period

Vaccines continue to be available for anyone not yet vaccinated

Estimated schedule for first doses administered

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Moving From One Phase to Another Phase

- While ACIP and CDC make national recommendations, we understand that there will be a level of local adaptation
 - The phased vaccine recommendations are meant to be **fluid and not restrictive** for jurisdictions
- **It is not necessary to vaccinate all individuals in one phase before initiating the next phase; phases may overlap**
 - Decisions regarding transition from one phase to the next should be made at the local, state, or territorial level, and may be based on factors such as demographic and workforce characteristics, COVID-19 epidemiology within the jurisdiction, and vaccine supply and demand within the jurisdiction
 - Decisions about transitioning to subsequent phases should also depend on supply, demand, equitable vaccine distribution, and local, state, or territorial context

Thank You!

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Knowledge” Update:
February 11, 2021 at
12:00p.m. Topic: COVID-19
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