



# Health Alert



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## ***Interim Guidance: Use of excess supply of COVID-19 vaccine at hospital and outpatient centers***

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### Key Points and Action Items

- CDPH has been following federal and state guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccination priority, beginning vaccination with ACIP “Phase 1a”, including healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities.
- The state of Illinois has signaled this week that Illinois will soon be transitioning into phase 1b of vaccination.
- Chicago is currently still actively in phase 1a of vaccination, with continued vaccination of healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities.
- **For hospitals and outpatient sites enrolled as COVID-19 vaccine providers, continue to prioritize healthcare workers, especially unaffiliated healthcare workers from tier 1a, for vaccination.**
- **Beginning January 18<sup>th</sup>, if you have unused vaccine and have not identified additional tier 1a healthcare workers for vaccination, you may vaccinate your highest risk, existing patients that are over 65 years old and live, work, or receive ongoing medical care in Chicago.**
  - Considerations for sub-prioritization include patients over 75 years of age, or patients over 65 years of age with significant underlying conditions, based on clinical judgment.
  - Vaccine from Chicago’s allocation should not be utilized at sites outside Chicago.
- Extra efforts should be made to promote vaccine uptake among residents of communities with lower rates of vaccine uptake to date. See [www.chi.gov/covidvax](http://www.chi.gov/covidvax) for the most recent data.
- At this time, City-run Points of Dispensing (PODs) will continue to focus on providing vaccination to tier 1a healthcare workers. Vaccination at Chicago PODs are by appointment only and cannot currently accommodate walk-ins.
- Additional guidance regarding promotion of vaccine equity in Chicago is forthcoming.