



Health Alert



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Phase 1B of COVID-19 Vaccination Begins in Chicago on January 25, 2021 January 19, 2021

Summary and Action Items

- Chicago enters Phase 1B of COVID-19 Vaccination beginning January 25, 2021.
- Phase 1B includes individuals age 65 and older, front line essential workers, and individuals (staff and residents) at residential congregate care sites.
- Vaccine providers are expected to have the capability to vaccinate 50-100 people during the week of January 25th, and at least 100 people a week thereafter.
- Vaccine providers will receive a weekly REDCap survey to record unused doses and request additional doses. The survey must be completed by Tuesday at 5pm (CT). Vaccine orders will be approved based on supply.
- Extra efforts should be made to promote vaccine uptake among residents of communities with higher risk of infection or mortality. See www.chi.gov/covidvax for the most recent data on vaccine uptake and www.chi.gov/coviddash for most recent data on disease burden and mortality by zip code.
- Individuals that are vaccinated should work or live in Chicago, or be ≥ 65 years of age or older and receive ongoing medical care in Chicago. Vaccine from Chicago's allocation should not be utilized at sites outside Chicago. Visit www.chicagohan.org/covidvax to sign up to be a COVID-19 provider.
- Additional guidance regarding promotion of vaccine equity in Chicago is forthcoming.

This Health Alert is to notify you of an expansion in the phased rollout of CDPH's COVID-19 Vaccination Program. **Effective January 25, 2021, persons aged 65 and older, frontline essential workers, and staff and residents in settings providing residential congregate care are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination, as Phase 1B begins.** The priorities are to vaccinate those at highest risk of work-related exposure to COVID-19, those at highest risk of severe COVID-19 illness, and to ensure continuity of government. Phases overlap and people in an earlier phase remain eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination in a later phase. Further guidance about criteria for Phase 1C is forthcoming. Visit www.chicagohan.org/covidvax to sign up to be a COVID-19 vaccine provider in Chicago if you have not already.

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Next Steps:

- Please share this information with all the appropriate staff in your vaccination program and begin vaccinating or scheduling appointments for those who self-certify as part of group 1B today.
- Vaccine providers are expected to have the capability to vaccinate at least 50-100 persons per week, beginning the week of January 25th, and at least 100 persons per week thereafter, with appropriate observation and safety protocols in place.
- Vaccine providers will receive a weekly REDCap survey to record unused doses and request additional doses. The survey must be completed by Tuesday 5pm (CT). Vaccine orders will be approved based on supply.
- **Vaccine providers should work to administer all doses received each week, within the week.**

Expansion of Phased COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out

Individuals recommended by phase including sub-prioritization considerations within each phase are outlined below. **Vaccine providers should work to administer all doses received each week, within the week.**

- Phases overlap and individuals in an earlier phase remain eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination in a later phase. After intensive and appropriate efforts to reach the prioritized groups, facilities may offer vaccine to persons in lower priority groups when doses are about to expire according to labeling instructions.
- Do not reserve vaccine for second doses at this time.
- Do not waste COVID-19 vaccine, therefore ensure proper storage and handling and careful scheduling with timed vial opening to avoid unused doses.

Phase	Sub-Population	Start Date
1A	Healthcare Personnel	December 15, 2020
1A	Healthcare Congregate Residential Settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term care facilities • Behavioral health residential facilities • Developmentally disabled residential facilities 	December 15, 2020
1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons aged 75 and older • People aged 65 and older with underlying conditions • People aged 65 and older 	January 25, 2021
1B	Front line essential workers and continuity of government* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections; • First responders; • Grocery store workers; • Daycare workers; • K-12 and early education workers; • Public transit; • Manufacturing; • Agriculture workers; • City officials essential to continuity of government**; • Postal workers 	January 25, 2021 *In some instances, individuals will have the opportunity to be vaccinated through arrangements made with their employers but other vaccine providers (e.g., hospitals, pharmacies, and doctor's offices) may also offer vaccination to essential workers in phase 1B on an individual basis. **City officials essential to continuity of government will be vaccinated by the City or its designees.
1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and residents in settings providing residential congregate care • Parents, including foster parents, and other primary caregivers of medically fragile children or adults who live at home but require a level of ongoing medical care typically provided by a rehabilitation hospital or skilled nursing facility 	January 25, 2021
1C	Other essential workers	<i>To be announced pending vaccine supply and demand. Additional sub-groups may be defined.</i>
1C	Persons age 16-64 years with high risk medical conditions	
2	General public (not listed above) age 16-64 years	

Visit the [CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine website](#), which includes local, state, and national resources related to COVID-19 vaccination.