

When Vaccine is Limited, Who Should Get Vaccinated First?

[CDC cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations.html)

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Groups who should be offered vaccination next (1b and 1c)

CDC recommends that in Phase 1b and Phase 1c, which may overlap, vaccination should be offered to people in the following groups. CDC made [this recommendation](#) on December 22, 2020.

Phase 1b

- **Frontline essential workers** such as fire fighters, police officers, corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, United States Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the educational sector (teachers, support staff, and daycare workers.)
- **People aged 75 years and older** because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19. People aged 75 years and older who are also residents of long-term care facilities should be offered vaccination in Phase 1a.

Phase 1c

- **People aged 65–74 years** because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19. People aged 65–74 years who are also residents of long-term care facilities should be offered vaccination in Phase 1a.
- **People aged 16–64 years with underlying medical conditions** which increase the risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19.
- **Other essential workers**, such as people who work in transportation and logistics, food service, housing construction and finance, information technology, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, and public health.

As vaccine availability increases, vaccination recommendations will expand to include more groups

The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as large enough quantities of vaccine are available. As vaccine supply increases but remains limited, ACIP will expand the groups recommended for vaccination.

