



The Pima County Tentative Phase 1A Vaccination Plan

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Pima County is working at a rapid pace to develop a comprehensive plan for making the COVID-19 vaccine available throughout the community. Following guidance from both the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services, the Pima County Health Department (PCHD), in collaboration with local hospitals and community partners, is committed to the equitable and efficient distribution of the vaccine. Because the initial vaccine supply is limited, the plan has been prioritized to first vaccinate critical workforces, which includes healthcare and nursing home workers and other groups vulnerable to severe COVID-19 illness. The PCHD has consulted with its ethics committee for direction and recommendations to ensure that the plan reflects community sentiment and concerns.

PCHD will adhere to the following guiding principles for ethical vaccine allocation:

- Administer an effective COVID-19 vaccine to all Pima County residents to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths
- Execute the safe and timely delivery of the vaccine
- Provide equitable access to all who live, work, or are educated in Pima County while targeting high risk and vulnerable populations based on evidence
- Seek broad and meaningful community engagement so that communication strategies are responsive, data informed and trusted
- Provide clear, transparent and data driven information to the public about vaccine risks, benefits, safety, allocation, targeting, and availability

Preliminary Estimate of Arizona’s Initial Vaccine Allocation				
Type of Vaccine	Total December Allocation (estimate)		Minimum Order	Storage and Handling
Pfizer (Vaccine A)	212,000 doses	Week of 12/13: 58,500 Week of 12/20: 70,200 Week of 12/27: 83,850	975 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires ULT storage at -60 to -80F, dry ice to recharge thermal shipper, multi-dose vials, must thaw and reconstitute • Second dose at 21 days
Moderna (Vaccine B)	171,200 doses	Week of 12/20: 118,800 Week of 12/27: 52,400	100 doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires frozen storage at -2 to -8F • Second dose at 28 days

Phase 1A Subgroup Prioritization for Healthcare Workers			
Phase 1A.1	Phase 1A.2	Phase 1A.3	Phase 1A.4
Healthcare workers and support staff who provide direct patient care in high-risk settings	Healthcare workers and support staff who provide direct patient care in moderate-risk settings	Healthcare workers and support staff who provide direct patient care in lower-risk settings	All other healthcare workers
Descriptions and Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID patients are present in workspace • Works inside COVID rooms • Longer exposure times (cumulative of 15 min over 24h period) • Dedicated COVID units, emergency departments, and COVID dedicated respiratory clinics • Urgent Care accepting COVID patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID patients are present in workspace • HCWs on COVID floor but not in COVID rooms • Lesser exposure times (cumulative of less than 15 min over 24h period) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Care not accepting COVID patients • Home health/hospice • Inpatient locations that do not accept COVID inpatients 	

Special prioritizations during Phase 1A

- Healthcare workers “at increased risk of severe illness” as defined by the CDC, including those with underlying health conditions and healthcare workers age 65 and older, will have first priority in each phase.

Phase 1A Subgroup Prioritization for Healthcare Workers and Long-Term Care Residents

Healthcare Workers	Long-Term Care Residents
Phase 1A.1	
<p>Hospitals: All personnel working in dedicated COVID-19 units, ICU, emergency departments, designated COVID-19 urgent care clinics. (Includes, but not limited to nurses and nursing assistants, doctors, advanced practice providers, respiratory therapists, lab/tech staff, support workers, environmental/maintenance staff and administrative staff, volunteers, students and trainees and faith and spiritual leaders/healers at high risk for exposure.)</p> <p>LTCF (skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes): All personnel working in these facilities.</p> <p>Emergency Medical Services Personnel: People providing direct patient care as part of the EMS system. This includes air ambulance pilots, ground ambulance drivers, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and those personnel certified or registered by the EMSRB, including paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians, and emergency medical responders.</p> <p>COVID testers: Personnel providing testing at mobile and static testing centers and support staff at these sites.</p> <p>COVID community vaccinators: Public health vaccinators and those administering COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1A.</p>	<p>Residents living in skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes (including veterans’ homes).</p>
Phase 1A.2	
<p>Hospitals: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials and not included in the first priority group.</p> <p>LTCF (assisted living facilities/housing with services with an arranged Home Care Provider): All personnel working in these facilities.</p> <p>Urgent care settings: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials and not included in first priority group.</p> <p>Dialysis centers: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials.</p>	<p>Residents living in housing with services with an arranged home care provider, otherwise known as assisted living (including veterans’ homes).</p>
Phase 1A.3	
<p>All remaining health care personnel (HCP) not included in the first and second priority groups that are unable to telework. This includes but is not limited to: HCP that work in hospitals, ambulatory and outpatient settings, home health settings, emergency shelters, LTCF, dental offices, pharmacies, public health clinics, mental/behavioral health settings, correctional settings, and group homes.</p>	<p>Adult residents living in Intermediate Care Facilities for people with intellectual disabilities and other adult residents living in residential care facilities licensed in AZ primarily serving at-risk people including older adults, people with intellectual and physical disabilities, in settings such as community residential settings and adult foster care.</p>
Phase 1A.4	
<p>Other HCP working in an inpatient, ambulatory, or outpatient setting who are in a high-risk category due to personal health conditions or age.</p> <p>HCP “at increased risk of severe illness” as defined by the CDC, including those with underlying health conditions and age 65 and older.</p>	