



# The Pima County Tentative Phase 1B Vaccination Plan

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Pima County vaccinators are still in Phase 1A of vaccine distribution. The exact date for the transition to Phase 1B is unclear and depends on the amount of vaccine provided to Pima County and the uptake of vaccine among Phase 1A populations. As Pima County progresses into Phase 1B in the coming weeks, PHCD will work with vaccine providers and local partners to ensure that all those who are eligible have access to the vaccine. The PCHD is placing special emphasis on communities disproportionately impacted as described in the Pima County Vaccine allocation guiding principles. The PCHD has consulted with its ethics committee for direction and recommendations to ensure that the plan reflects community sentiment and concerns.

**Because the initial vaccine supply is limited, Phase 1B has been prioritized to first vaccinate prioritized essential workers in Phase 1B.1. The phase that will follow is Phase 1B.2 and will include other essential workers and the remaining adults in congregate settings.**

An expanded description of the 1B prioritization categories is more fully described below.

*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

<i>Preliminary Estimate of Arizona’s Initial Vaccine Allocation</i>				
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"> <li>• Requires ULT storage at -60 to -80F, dry ice to recharge thermal shipper, multi-dose vials, must thaw and reconstitute</li> <li>• Second dose at 21days</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Requires frozen storage at -2 to -8F</li> <li>• Second dose at 28 days</li> </ul>

PHASE 1B PRIORITIZATION		
	PHASE	DESCRIPTION
Phase 1B.1	PHASE 1B.1.a People aged 75 years and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People aged 75 years and older due to the high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19</li> </ul>
	PHASE 1B.1.b Prioritized Essential Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protective service occupations (law enforcement, corrections, firefighters, and other emergency response staff, 911 call center staff and trainees in high-risk settings)</li> </ul>
	PHASE 1B.1.c Teachers/Educators/Child Care Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and childcare providers (K12 and higher education teachers and staff, student teachers)</li> </ul>
Phase 1B.2	PHASE 1B.2.a Essential Workers (based on <a href="#">CISA</a> and <a href="#">EO 2020-12</a> definitions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power and utility workers</li> <li>• Food and agriculture related occupations (packaging and distribution workers, grocery, farmworkers, and restaurant workers)</li> <li>• Transportation and material moving occupations (public transportation providers, airlines, gas stations, auto shop workers, and other transportation network providers)</li> <li>• State and local government workers that provide critical services for continuity of government, such as 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 not in the prioritized essential worker category</li> <li>• Other essential workers (e.g., business and financial services, supply chain for critical goods, funeral services, critical trades, etc.)</li> <li>• Veterinarians and veterinary staff</li> </ul>
	Phase 1B.2.b Adults in Congregate Settings with High-risk Medical Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults with high-risk medical conditions living in shelters or other congregate living settings</li> </ul>

**Special prioritizations during all vaccination phases**

The populations listed in the table below are at increased risk for acquiring or transmitting COVID-19 per the [CDC Social Vulnerability Index](#) and should be considered for sub-prioritization throughout all phases. These categories may be used to inform targeted strategies to improve access among underserved populations within each of the phased priority groups and should not be applied on a discriminatory basis.

POPULATIONS AT INCREASED RISK FOR ACQUIRING OR TRANSMITTING COVID-19	
	<b>Healthcare system factors.</b> Uninsured, under-insured adults, and adults with Medicaid (AHCCCS)
	<b>Resource-constrained and disabled adults.</b> Adults with disabilities or living in rural communities
	<b>Housing type and transportation disadvantages.</b> Adults in correctional facilities/incarcerated, experiencing homelessness/living in shelters, attending colleges/universities, or living and working in other congregate settings. Essential workers who rely solely on public transit to get to work.
	<b>Minority status and language.</b> Adults from racial and ethnic minority groups, tribal communities, and non-English speaking adults

**Coronavirus resources**

- [Click here](#) for the latest CDC novel coronavirus resources and links.
- Track the COVID-19 globally using this map tracker [here](#).
- You can view the latest Arizona COVID-19 numbers [here](#).
- Need to get tested? [Click here](#) to find a testing site near you.
- Get Pima County combined COVID-19 information and resources [here](#).
- [Click here](#) to read about the mandatory curfew to help stop COVID spread.