

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation: Phase 1a

The State of Alaska is using a phased approach to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to Alaskans. The first part of this process, referred to as Phase 1a, will focus on certain population groups to receive a limited amount of vaccine. This document describes the groups who are included in Phase 1a. Alaska's Phase 1a recommendations are consistent with recommendations provided by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This national group is tasked with recommending vaccines and vaccine policies for the country.

To further guide the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine, Alaska has created three tiers within Phase 1a. Distribution will begin with Tier 1, proceed to Tier 2, and then proceed to Tier 3 populations.

As further information becomes available about the next phase of vaccine distribution, additional guidance will be documented and released.

Phase 1a, Tier 1

Phase 1a, Tier 1 includes the following populations.

- Long term care* facility staff members
- Long term care* facility residents
- Hospital-based frontline health care workers and hospital personnel who are frequently exposed to COVID-19 patients, particularly those performing the highest risk procedures or who spend extended periods of time bedside and whose absence from work would compromise the ability of the hospital to continue functioning.
 1. Personnel in this category include, but are not limited to:
 - a. ICU and COVID unit Nurses, LPNs, CNAs and patient care technicians
 - b. ICU and COVID unit Physicians
 - c. Inpatient physicians caring for COVID patients, including hospitalists
 - d. Respiratory Therapists
 - e. Emergency Department Personnel
 - f. Personnel working in operating and other procedural rooms in which aerosol generating procedures are conducted.
 - g. Other hospital staff working in COVID units such as PT/OT/ST Therapists, phlebotomists, etc.
 - h. Environmental services personnel
 - i. Facility security personnel

*Long Term Care facilities included Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Homes, and Dept of Corrections infirmaries providing care that is similar to assisted living.

Phase 1a, Tier 2

Phase 1a, Tier 2 includes the following populations:

- Frontline EMS and Fire Service personnel providing medical services, who are frequently exposed to COVID-19 patients and whose absence from work would compromise the ability of these critical medical services to continue. This Tier includes personnel in certified ground-based and air medical services. This Tier also includes community health aides/health workers providing EMS services.
- Community Health Aides/Practitioners
- Health care workers providing vaccinations to identified populations in Phase 1a