

This document provides information about Tennessee's planning and implementation efforts for COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennessee launches registration system for Tennesseans seeking COVID-19 vaccination
- Tennessee makes great progress in rapid vaccination of high-priority populations
- TDH expands the COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard
- Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey hold tele-town hall with AARP

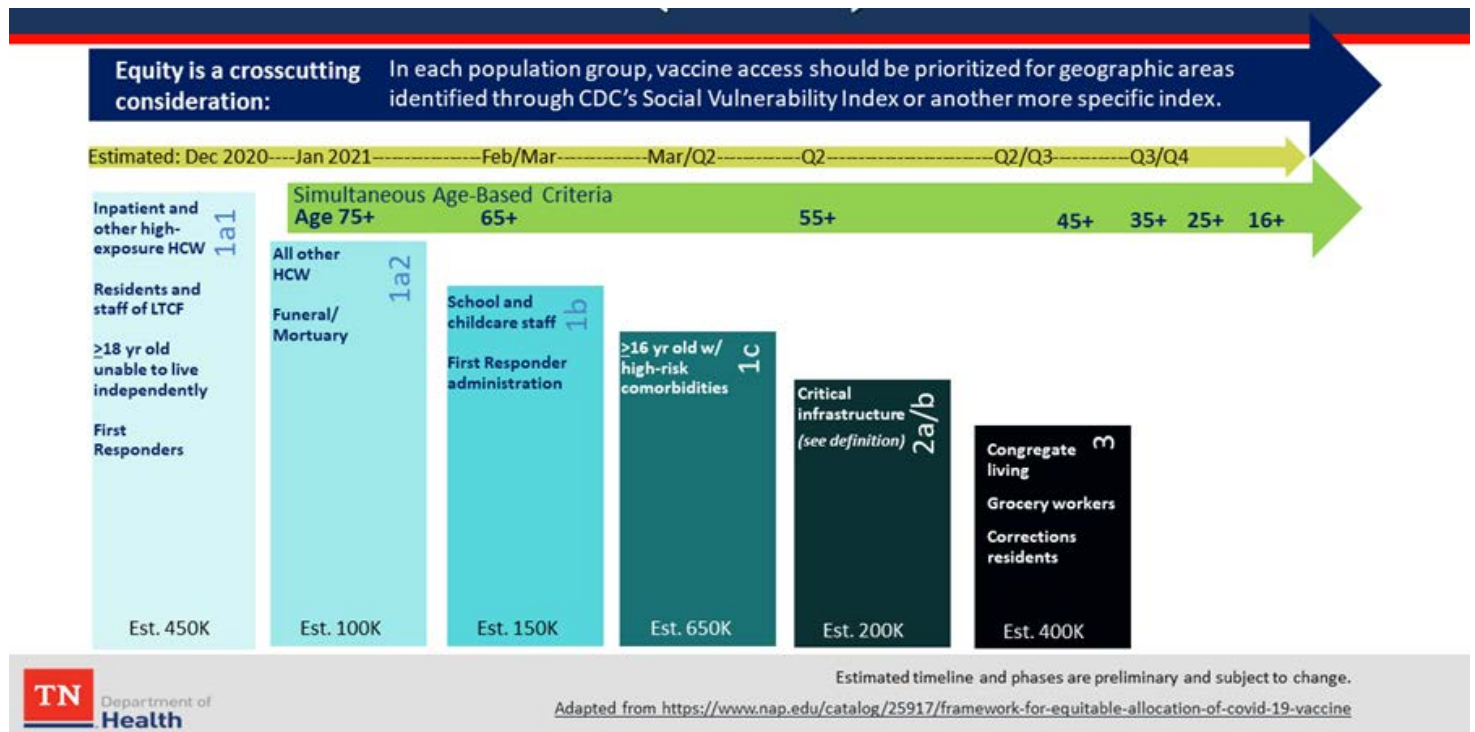
CURRENT EFFORTS

- Tennessee is well-positioned to provide vaccines to Tennesseans through hundreds of hospitals, health departments, medical offices, clinics and pharmacies once sufficient vaccine supply is provided by the federal government. TDH has a clear plan for the phased roll-out of vaccines across the state as federal allocations increase over the coming weeks and months.
- TDH is now registering appointments for Tennesseans who wish to receive COVID-19 vaccination and qualify for a phase currently being vaccinated. Tennesseans can register for an appointment online at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>. Residents of Tennessee's metropolitan counties may seek information from their local health departments about vaccination, as their local processes may vary.
- Tennessee is making great progress in rapidly vaccinating those at highest-risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 234,300 Tennesseans in priority populations have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. More than 73,300 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- Walgreens, CVS and some local independent pharmacies are partnering to vaccinate residents and staff members of long-term care facilities. Nursing homes are prioritized first, as their residents require higher levels of medical care. Assisted living facilities and homes for the aged are the next priority.
- To date, CVS has vaccinated staff members and residents at 70 Tennessee nursing homes, and Walgreens has vaccinated staff members and residents in at least 150 facilities. Walgreens plans to complete COVID-19 vaccinations at all of their nursing home facilities by Jan. 25, 2021.
- Tennessee assisted care living facilities and homes for the aged began vaccinating their staff members and residents Jan. 13 through the federal partnership with Walgreens and CVS.
- Tennessee was among the first states to add age-based risk as a priority in our COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, and continues to prioritize vaccination of Tennesseans aged 75 and older as they are most at risk for serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.
- TDH has expanded the [COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard](#) to include county-level data on both first and second doses administered. The dashboard also provides new information on vaccinations administered through the long-term care facility partnership.
- Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey participated in a live tele-town hall hosted by the AARP Jan. 13 to provide information to Tennessee senior citizens and answer their questions about COVID-19 vaccination and the state's response to the pandemic.
- Tennessee orders every dose of COVID-19 vaccine made available to the state by the federal government. To date, more than 385,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been delivered to Tennessee providers approved to administer the vaccine, including hospitals, select pharmacies and all 95 county health departments.
- Tennessee is one of only six states in the U.S. that has administered at least 50 percent of its allocated vaccine doses.
- TDH holds a webinar for health care providers every Friday from noon-1 p.m. Central time for providers to submit questions that are answered by the immunization program team. Learn more and register for the Jan. 15 webinar at www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Tennessee is eager to expand our vaccination efforts to other risk-based age groups as vaccine supplies increase.
- TDH is developing new partnerships for community-based vaccination events as vaccine supplies become available.
- New features coming to <https://covid19.tn.gov/>.

TENNESSEE ALLOCATION TIMELINE & PHASES



BACKGROUND

- The Tennessee Department of Health developed [Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) after review of the CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdictional Operations](#), the recommendations of the CDC's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's [Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](#), and in consultation with Tennessee's Unified Command Group and a stakeholder group of 30 partner organizations.
- The plan was updated Dec. 30, and is subject to change given private sector dynamics and decision-making at the federal level.
- Vaccine allocations are made to Tennessee's 95 counties based on population and distributed to facilities in the county that are prioritized to receive vaccines for administration. Vaccines for second doses are automatically shipped to facilities that received vaccines to administer as first doses.
- Vaccine availability varies by county, and Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 vaccination phases at different times depending on supplies of vaccines. Tennesseans can learn what phase(s) their county is vaccinating at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>.
- The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority, and the U.S. vaccine safety system ensures all vaccines are as safe as possible. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html.



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RESOURCES

Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard:

www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Vaccine.pdf

Check your Phase and Register for COVID-19 Vaccination: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>

FAQs on Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan: www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccine_FAQ.pdf

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CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>