

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

### **THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- TDH expands access to COVID-19 vaccination to those age 70 and up
- One in three Tennesseans age 70 and older has been vaccinated
- More than 526,000 Tennesseans vaccinated
- Tennessee's allocation of COVID-19 vaccines increases by 15 percent
- Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have dropped more than 50 percent

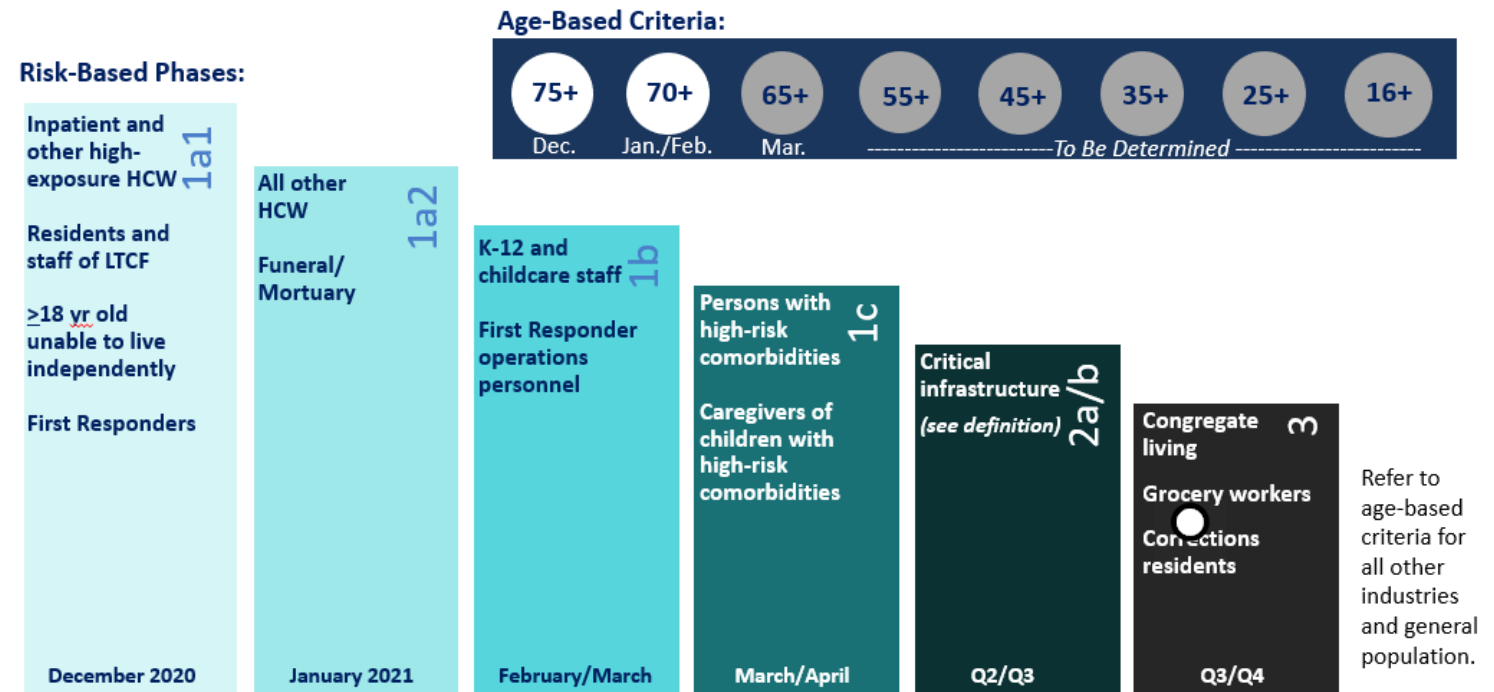
### **CURRENT EFFORTS**

- Tennessee is now administering COVID-19 vaccinations to Tennesseans aged 70 and older. Tennesseans aged 70 and up may register for COVID-19 through their county health department at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/county-vaccine-information/>.
- Due to their independent operations and larger populations, Tennessee's metropolitan counties may have different instructions for registering for COVID-19 vaccination. Residents in these areas should check with local authorities about their plans.
- This week's state allocation of COVID-19 vaccines is approximately 93,000 doses, a 15 percent increase in the state's previous weekly vaccine allocations. Tennessee's allocations are expected to be level through the remainder of February.
- Hospitalizations among Tennesseans for COVID-19 have decreased 55 percent from their peak Jan. 6.
- TDH is now providing COVID-19 vaccine to community partners including 24 federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community health centers, 64 local pharmacies and 20 major chain pharmacy locations across the state.
- Next week, more than 100 major chain pharmacy stores will begin vaccinating against COVID-19.
- One in three Tennesseans age 70 and older has been vaccinated.
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 526,000 Tennesseans have received their first dose of COVID -19 vaccine. More than 159,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- Nearly 230,000 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Tennessee is among the top ten states for number of residents per 100,000 that have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Tennessee orders every dose of COVID-19 vaccine made available to the state by the federal government. To date, more than 962,000 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.
- To make more health department staff members available for COVID-19 vaccine administration, select Tennessee health departments will pilot providing Everlywell COVID-19 test kits at testing sites for people to complete at home. The pilot process will have people complete the test at a site of their choosing and return the sample back to the health department that day to be shipped to the lab, or drop it off at a UPS collection site that day. If the pilot is successful based on patient feedback, this process will expand across the state.
- Members of the TDH and Unified Command teams visited the University of Memphis Liberty Bowl Feb. 4. This location may be considered as a mass vaccination site as vaccine supplies increase.
- 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 Feb. 5 webinar at [www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html](http://www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html).

### WHAT'S NEXT

- TDH is developing partnerships with the Tennessee Board of Regents for community-based vaccination events as vaccine supplies become available.
- TDH is partnering with TEMA and the Tennessee Department of Military to identify staffing needs and resources for community vaccination events.

### 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 Jan. 22, 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 supplies remain limited, and availability varies by county. 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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html).



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**RESOURCES**

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

**Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard:**

[www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Vaccine.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Vaccine.pdf)

**FAQs on Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan:** [www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Vaccine\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccine_FAQ.pdf)

**COVID-19 Fact vs. Fiction Videos:** <https://covid19.tn.gov/stay-informed/explainer-videos/>

**Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan:** [www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf)

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