

# VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK

Risk-based prioritization based on National Academy of Medicine Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 and CDC Advisory Committee Immunization Practice. Refined by input by North Carolina Institute of Medicine Vaccine Advisory Committee. May be revised based on Phase III clinical trial safety and efficacy data and further federal guidance

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<p><b>Phase 1a:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health care workers at high risk</b> for COVID-19 exposure based on work duties or vital to the initial COVID vaccine response               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High risk of exposure is defined as those caring for COVID-19 patients, cleaning areas where COVID-19 patients are admitted, performing procedures at high risk of aerosolization (e.g., intubation, bronchoscopy, suctioning, <b>invasive dental procedures</b>, invasive specimen collection, CPR), handling decedents with COVID, administering vaccine in initial closed or targeted vaccination clinics.</li> <li>○ Population includes: nurses, physicians, respiratory techs, dentists, hygienists, nursing assistants, environmental services staff, EMT/paramedics, home health workers, personal care aides, community health workers, health care trainees(e.g., medical students, pharmacy students, nursing students, etc.), morticians/funeral home staff, pharmacists, public health nurses, public health and emergency preparedness workers who meet the above definition of “high risk of exposure.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Long Term Care staff and Residents</b> (e.g., Skilled Nursing Facilities, adult care homes, family care homes, and group homes; individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive home and community-based services and the workers directly providing those services)</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 1b:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adults with high risk of complications</b> per CDC and staff of congregate living settings <u>Operationally prioritize settings based on risk of exposure</u></li> <li>• <b>Migrant farm and fisheries workers</b> in congregate housing with 2+ Chronic Conditions* or ≥ age 65</li> <li>• <b>Incarcerated individuals</b> with 2+ Chronic Conditions* or ≥ age 65 and jail and prison staff</li> <li>• <b>Homeless shelter residents</b> with 2+ Chronic Conditions* ≥ 65 and homeless shelter staff</li> <li>• <b>Health care workers</b> not included in Phase 1A with 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• <b>Frontline workers</b> with 2+ Chronic Conditions at high risk of exposure (e.g., firefighters, police, workers in meat packing plants, seafood and poultry not in congregate housing, food processing, preparation workers and servers, manufacturing, construction, funeral attendants and undertakers not included in Phase 1A, transportation workers, retail workers (including grocery store workers), membership associations/org staff (e.g., religious orgs), education staff (e.g., child care, K-12 or IHE) and workers in government, public health, emergency management and public safety whose functioning is imperative to the COVID-19 response)</li> <li>• <b>Other Adults</b> with 2+ Chronic Conditions*:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrant Farm/fishery workers in congregate living without 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Incarcerated individuals without 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Homeless shelter residents without 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Frontline workers at high or moderate risk of exposure without 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• All other Health Care Workers not included in Phase 1A or 1B</li> <li>• Education staff (Child Care, K-12, IHE) without 2+ Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Other adults age 18-64 with one chronic condition*</li> <li>• 65+ year olds with one or no chronic conditions*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workers in industries critical to the functioning of society and at increased risk of exposure who are not included in Phase 1 or Phase 2</li> <li>• K-12 students (if data from clinical trials), college students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remaining population</li> </ul>