

COVID-19 Vaccine: Who Will Be Able to Get the Vaccine?

NJ Department of Health 12-19-20

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Priority_Groups_English.pdf

Once a COVID-19 vaccine is approved for use, it will likely be available in limited amounts. Until the vaccine can be produced in large quantities it is expected that it will first be given to priority groups of people – considered critical populations - who have been identified at high risk of COVID-19.

A phased approach will be used to ensure that the vaccine is distributed in a fair and equitable manner until larger quantities of vaccine become available.

Decisions about priority groups and how the doses will be spread across the state will likely change based on supply and demand. The vaccine will be available to those who live, work and/or are educated in New Jersey. **Phase 1 – Limited Doses Available**

Phase 2 – Large Amount Available

Phase 3 – Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand

- Healthcare workers who may have contact with infected patients or infectious materials

- Other essential workers

- People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness (over age 65, underlying health conditions, etc.)

- Remainder of those from Phase 1

- Critical populations

- General population

- Remainder of those from Phase 2

- Critical populations

- General population

Healthcare Workers

- Hospital
- Long term care
- Home care
- Urgent care, clinics
- Dialysis centers
- Dental offices
- Funeral homes
- Pharmacies
- Public health
- Group homes
- EMS

Other Essential Workers

- First responders
- **Food** and agriculture
- Transportation
- Education/childcare
- Energy
- Water/sanitation
- Law enforcement
- Government

Adults at Higher Risk

- Long term care residents
- 65 years and older
- Underlying medical conditions
- Immunocompromised
- Incarcerated
- Homeless shelters
- Group homes
- Other congregate settings such as psychiatric facilities, seasonal migrant farm workers, etc.

Others at Higher Risk

People from:

- communities that have disproportionately acquired and/or died from COVID-19
- tribal communities
- colleges/universities
- rural communities
- people with disabilities
- people who are under- or uninsured

More complete details on priority groups and other aspects of the distribution plan can be found in the New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Plan at https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml.