

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

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State Planning

- State plan submitted to CDC 10/16/20
- Publicly available on KYCOVID19 webpage (v1.1)
- <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthcare-guidance>

Funding

- Initial funding from the CDC for planning
- Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) are seeking \$8.4 billion from federal government for COVID-19 vaccination distribution

Safety & Timing

- Pfizer has potential to be ready to submit Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the FDA by mid November
- EUA may take 2-4 weeks.
- <https://www.pfizer.com/news/hot-topics/an-open-letter-from-pfizer-chairman-and-ceo-albert-bourlaca?linkId=102134275>
- Public health preparedness
 - Closed and open points of dispensing (POD's)
 - Hospitals, pharmacies, EMS

Logistics

- Providers (hospitals, pharmacies, clinics) must sign a CDC COVID-19 Provider agreement
- Redcap process for electronic enrollment
- <https://redcap.link/COVID19VaccineProvider>
- Providers must be connected to KY Immunization Registry (KYIR) to order, receive and document administration of vaccine.
- KYIR will be connected to the CDC software platform for ordering, tracking and documenting doses.

Prioritization & Cost of the Vaccine

- Initial supplies limited
- Critical healthcare employees in Phase 1a
- Awaiting final guidance from ACIP
- Utilizing NASEM guidelines
- Establishing an allocation task force/committee w/ various stakeholders across the state utilizing the HMPAC group
- Equitable distribution
- Vaccine will be free (HRSA to cover uninsured)

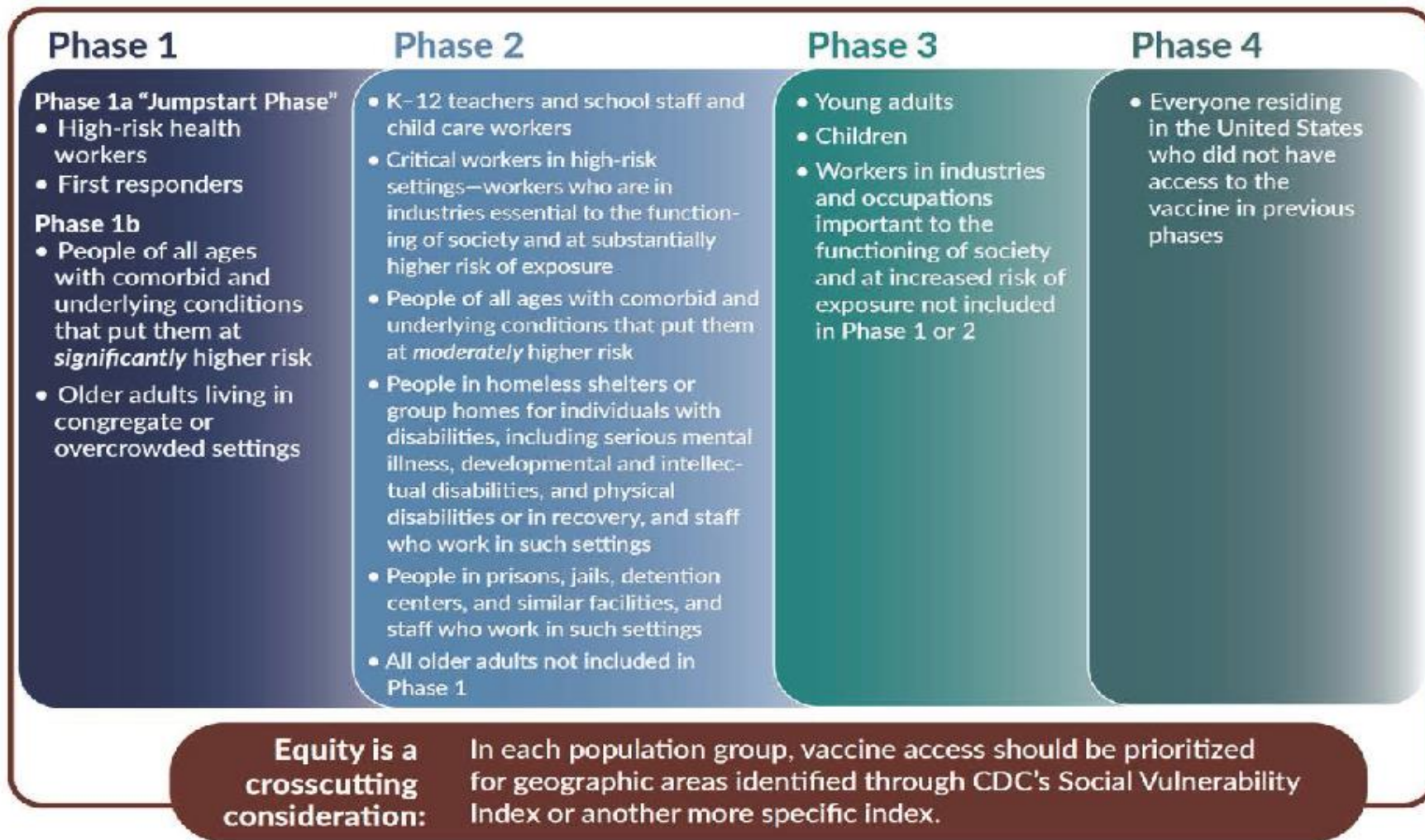


FIGURE: A Phased Approach to Vaccine Allocation for COVID-19

National partnership for LTCF

- CMS has contracted with CVS and Walgreens to vaccinate long term care facilities across the nation
- <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/16/trump-administration-partners-cvs-walgreens-provide-covid-19-vaccine-protect-vulnerable-americans-long-term-care-facilities-nationwide.html>
- After the enrollment period, KDPH will do a needs assessment for LTCF needing or preferring a local or regional entity to provide residents the COVID19 vaccine.

NATIONAL PHARMACY CHAINS ON FEDERAL PROGRAM FOR COVID19 VACCINATION

Phase 1

- Walgreens – Long term care partner
- CVS Health Corporation – Long term care partner

Phase 2 Pharmacies with federal contracts:

- Walmart Stores, Inc. (including Sam's)
- Rite Aid Corp
- The Kroger Co (i.e., Kroger, Harris Teeter, Fred Meyer, Frys, Ralphs, King Soopers, Smiths, City Market, Dillons, Marianos, Pick-n-Save, Copps, Metro Market)
- Publix
- Costco
- Albertsons Companies (i.e., Osco, Jewel-Osco, Albertsons, Albertsons Market, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Star Market, Shaws, Haggen, Acme, Randalls, Carrs, Market Street, United, Vons, Pavilions, Amigos, Lucky's, Pak n Save, Sav-On)
- Hy-Vee
- Meijer
- H-E-B
- Retail Business Services (i.e., Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company, Hannaford Bros Co, Stop & Shop)

Allocation FAQ's

Will vaccine be available for children and adolescents in the initial phase? (Updated 10/29/2020)

At first, COVID-19 vaccines may not be authorized, approved, or recommended for children. The groups recommended to receive the vaccines could change in the future.

How will the vaccine be allocated to jurisdictions? (New 10/29/2020)

Allocations will be made based on multiple factors, including population density and:

- Critical populations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (with input from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine)
- Current local spread/prevalence of COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccine production and availability

How will jurisdictions know they'll receive the same vaccine for both doses? Should jurisdictions or providers hold back stock for second doses to ensure they have a matching product? (New 10/29/2020)

In the early phases when vaccine is limited, the second dose will be held at the federal level to ensure availability of a matching dose to complete the vaccine series. (This strategy may change as vaccine becomes more widely available.) Neither jurisdictions nor providers should hold vaccine for a second dose, especially in the first month.

Storage & handling FAQ

What supplies will be provided with COVID-19 vaccine?

Ancillary supplies will be packaged in kits and will be automatically ordered in amounts to match vaccine orders in VTrckS. Each kit will contain supplies to administer 100 doses of vaccine, including 105 needles (various sizes for the population served by the ordering vaccination provider), 105 syringes, 210 alcohol prep pads, four surgical masks and two face shields (per kit) for vaccinators, and 100 COVID-19 vaccination record cards for vaccine recipients.

Will the ancillary supplies in the shipments include sharps containers?

No, the ancillary supplies will not include sharps containers.

Will ultra-cold vaccine come with gloves for use in unpacking the vaccine? (New 10/29/2020)

Gloves are not currently planned to be provided for unpacking ultra-cold vaccine; however, this is subject to change.

Cost, billing, reimbursement

- **Can a client be turned away if they owe a previous balance to the provider? (New 10/29/2020)**
- COVID-19 vaccine is being provided at no cost to participating vaccine providers and should be provided regardless of ability to pay.
- **Can providers bill for an office visit when administering COVID-19 vaccine? (New 10/29/2020)**
- Yes, providers can bill for an office visit when administering COVID-19 vaccine if the visit meets the criteria for office visit coding under a recipient's plan.
- **Will providers be able to charge a COVID-19 vaccine administration fee? (new 10/29/2020)**
- Yes, vaccine providers will be able to charge an administration fee. However, participating vaccine providers must administer COVID-19 vaccine regardless of the vaccine recipient's ability to pay COVID-19 vaccine administration fees or coverage status, as stated in the CDC Provider Agreement. Vaccine providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient. For uninsured patients, the vaccine provider can seek reimbursement for an administration fee from the HRSA Provider Relief Fund.

Thank you!

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