

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

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 77,600 Tennesseans fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Updates to [COVID19.tn.gov](https://covid19.tn.gov) website improve ease of use
- Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey participates in *Aging Matters* panel discussion
- Jan. 16 was the one-year anniversary of activation of the TDH State Health Operations Center for COVID-19

CURRENT EFFORTS

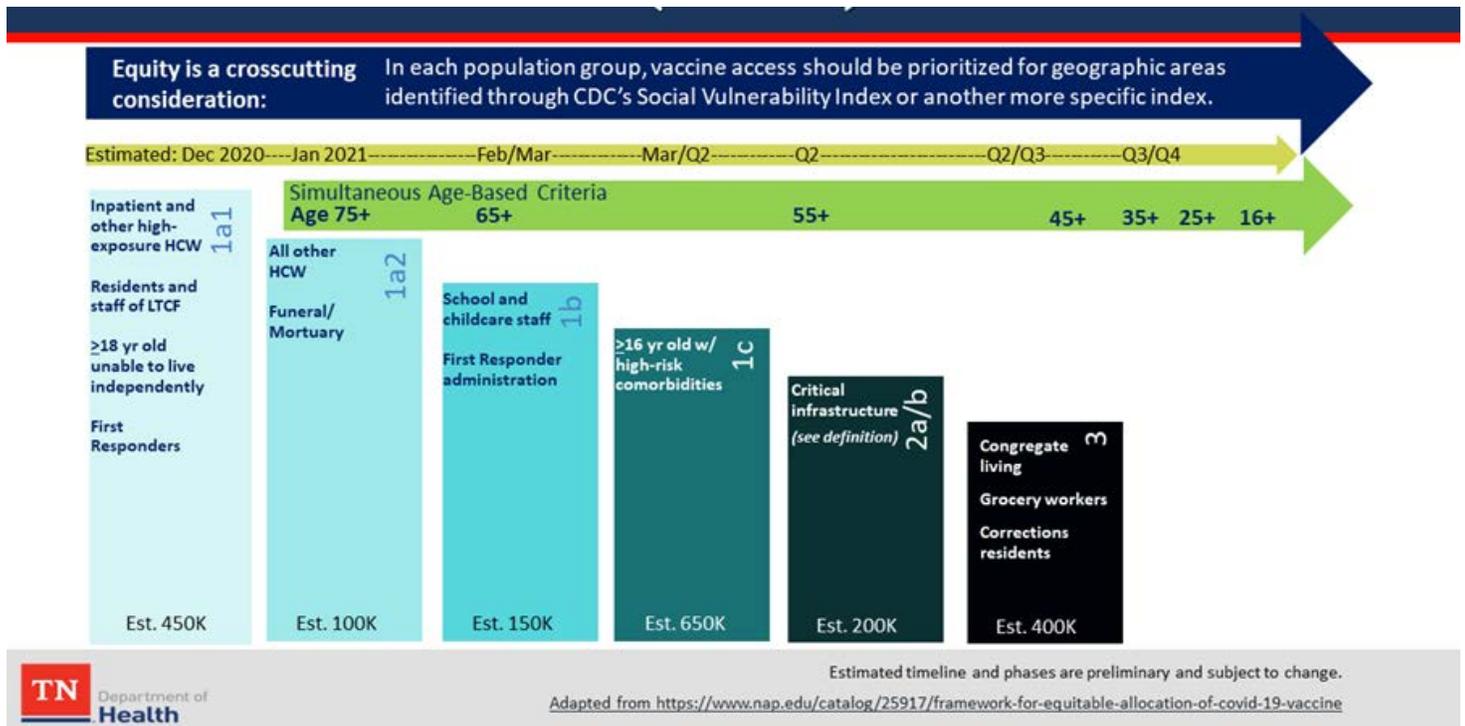
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 258,800 Tennesseans in priority populations have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. More than 99,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- More than 77,600 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Tennessee county health departments have begun administering second COVID-19 vaccine doses and are developing an online process for scheduling second doses.
- Tennesseans who wish to receive COVID-19 vaccination and qualify for a phase currently being vaccinated 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.
- Walgreens, CVS and some local independent pharmacies are partnering to vaccinate residents and staff members of long-term care facilities, a priority population for Phase 1a1 of the state’s COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. 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.
- As of this week, about 91 percent of all Tennessee nursing home and skilled nursing facilities have had initial vaccinations, and after starting the process on Jan. 13, about 28 percent of assisted living and other senior living facilities have now received their first dose.
- New features on the [COVID19.tn.gov](https://covid19.tn.gov) website to make it easier for users to find county-specific information and request an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination.
 - Tennesseans can select their county on an [interactive map](#) to learn the risk-based and age-based phases currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and how to request a vaccination appointment.
 - New county-specific pages offer information including current local vaccine availability.
 - A [video tutorial](#) explains the process for registering for vaccination.
- Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey participated in a panel discussion for Nashville Public Television’s *Aging Matters* series to provide information on COVID-19 vaccination to Tennessee senior citizens. This program will run on public television stations across the state beginning Jan. 31.
- Tennessee orders every dose of COVID-19 vaccine made available to the state by the federal government. To date, more than 608,600 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.
- 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. 22 webinar at www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html.

WHAT’S NEXT

- TDH is updating Tennessee’s COVID-19 vaccination plan to address additional risk-based priority populations.
- TDH is developing partnerships with the Tennessee Board of Regents and retail pharmacies for community-

- based vaccination events as vaccine supplies become available.
- TDH is onboarding school districts that wish to be able to receive vaccine for vaccinating teachers when their counties reach Phase 1b.
- TDH is developing a process to increase the network of volunteers to participate in vaccination efforts.

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 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.



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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>