

**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 in rural and underserved areas
- TDH updates Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan
- TDH Vaccination Reporting dashboard updated every weekday
- More than 153,700 Tennesseans fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Tennessee is among the top ten states for percentage of residents that have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

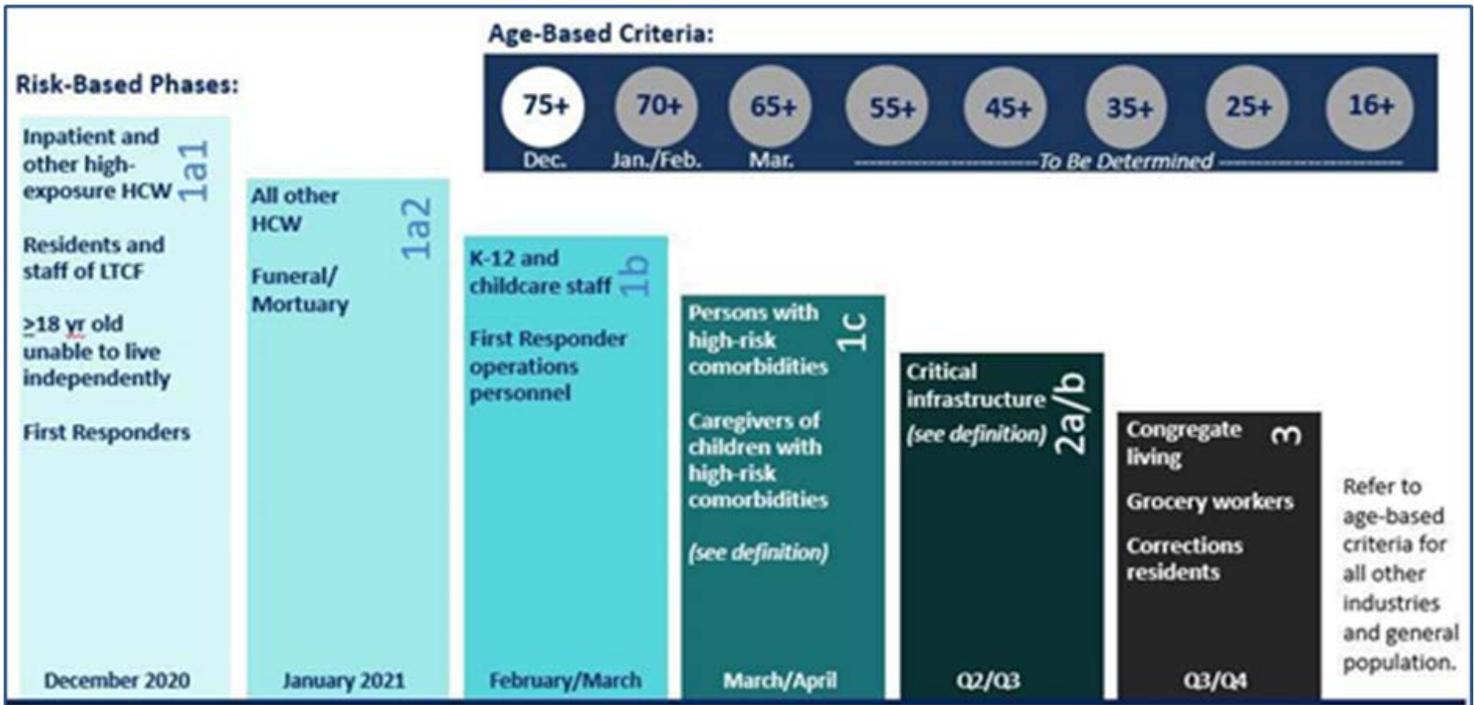
### **CURRENT EFFORTS**

- This week's state allocation of COVID-19 vaccines is approximately 93,000 doses, an increase in supply for the state. These doses will be allocated and delivered early next week.
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 424,700 Tennesseans have received their first dose of COVID -19 vaccine. Nearly 135,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- More than 153,700 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- TDH is developing partnerships with pharmacies and rural health clinics to add [new vaccination sites in underserved communities](#) across the state. These providers and facilities will provide COVID-19 vaccinations at no cost to recipients.
- TDH updated Tennessee's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) Jan. 22. Updates include adding people living in households with medically fragile children to Phase 1c. Tennessee correctional officers and jailers are included as first responders in Phase 1a1.
- Tennessee's [COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting dashboard](#) is now updated every weekday.
- As of this week, all Tennessee nursing home and skilled nursing facilities have completed their first dose vaccinations, and at least 55 percent of assisted living and other senior living facilities have now received their first dose. A total of about 43,000 doses have been administered in Tennessee long-term care facilities.
- Tennessee orders every dose of COVID-19 vaccine made available to the state by the federal government. To date, 820,000 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.
- 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. 29 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**

**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)

**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](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccine_FAQ.pdf)

**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>