

VACCINE AND ANTIVIRAL PRIORITIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAPAC)

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VAPAC Overview

- Committee convenes to provide recommendations to ensure fair and equitable vaccine allocation across the State.
- Composed of state, local, and tribal experts.
- VAPAC recommendations will inform local allocation process.



Overview of Vaccine Program

- Operation Warp Speed and CDC
- Pfizer Ships directly
 - Pelletized dry ice in the thermal shipper
 - 1st recharge travels with the shipper
 - Requires ULT cold storage
 - minimum order quantity =975
- AZ follows local allocator model
 - 15 County Health Departments
 - 3 Tribal/638 entities



Overview of Vaccine Program

- Phase 1A and 1B Allocation by local allocators
 - Local allocation tool; who gets vaccine and how much
 - ADHS Immunization Office places orders
 - Vaccine ships directly to the location along with ancillary kit (needles, syringes, etc)
 - Thermal shipper has an ancillary kit too (gloves, scoop and instructions)



ACIP Meeting Vote 12/1/2020

When a COVID-19 vaccine is authorized by FDA and recommended by ACIP, vaccination in the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program (phase 1A) should be offered to both:

- 1) health care personnel, and
- 2) residents of long-term care facilities.



ACIP Meeting Vote 12/1/2020

Healthcare personnel are defined as paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials.



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ACIP Meeting Vote 12/1/2020

Long-term care facility residents are defined as adults who reside in facilities that provide a variety of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.



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Review of Draft VAPAC Recommendations



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Phase	Priority Population	AZ Estimated Population	Resources to vaccinate pop. group (Y/N)?
Health care personnel, including frontline workers at increased risk for COVID-19 and may have underlying medical conditions			
1A	Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs, paramedics, dentists, etc.)	183,895	
1A	Healthcare support occupations (home health aides, nursing assistants, medical assistants, etc.)	70,166	
Long-term care residents at highest risk for severe disease and death, including staff who interact with vulnerable populations			
1A	Skilled nursing facility residents (all are enrolled in CDC Pharmacy /LTC Program)	32,284	CDC Pharmacy/LTC Program will cover ~146 SNFs, residents and staff
1A	Assisted living, independent living, HUD senior housing (all are enrolled in CDC Pharmacy/LTC Program)	67,416	CDC Pharmacy/LTC Program will cover ~622 ALFs, residents and staff
1A	Assisted living, independent living, HUD senior living (not enrolled in CDC Pharmacy/LTC program)	18,954	
1A	DES group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities and ICF-IIDs, and staff	3,501	

Phase	Priority Population	AZ Estimated Population	Resources to vaccinate pop. group (Y/N)?
Long-term care residents at highest risk for severe disease and death, including staff who interact with vulnerable populations			
1B	Adults with high risk medical conditions living in shelters or other congregate living settings	62,565	
Prioritized essential workers			
1B	Education and childcare providers (teachers and school staff)	146,305	
1B	Protective service occupations (law enforcement, corrections, and other emergency response staff)	79,410	
Essential workers (based on CISA and EO 2020-12 definitions)			
1B	Power and utility workers	5,692	
1B	Food and agriculture related occupations (packaging and distribution workers, grocery and restaurant workers)	268,800	
1B	Transportation and material moving occupations (public transportation providers, airlines, gas stations, auto shop workers, and other transportation network providers)	227,680	
1B	State and local government workers that provide critical services for continuity of government	TBD by jurisdiction	
1B	Other essential workers (e.g., business and financial services, supply chain for critical goods, funeral services, critical trades, etc.)	TBD by jurisdiction	

Phase	Priority Population	AZ Estimated Population	Resources to vaccinate pop. group (Y/N)?
People at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease			
1C	Adults with underlying medical conditions (obesity, COPD, heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease)	2,278,870	
1C	Adults 65+ years and older	1,264,218	
1C	Adults living in congregate settings	TBD by jurisdiction	

VAPAC Considerations

Discussion Question 1

Considering Arizona's local allocator model (including 15 county health departments and 3 tribal entities), how does ADHS ensure fair and equitable allocation of vaccine statewide?



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VAPAC Considerations

Discussion Question 2

When should the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program be activated to provide vaccinations to vulnerable LTC staff and residents?



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Discussion Question 3

Should the local allocator jurisdictions be able to choose to receive Pfizer vs. Moderna vaccine?



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Discussion Question 4

Considering that ADHS will be responsible for monitoring vaccination data reporting, will ADHS be responsible for determining the threshold to shift from a Phase 1A to 1B allocation strategy and subsequent phases thereafter?



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Discussion Question 5

How should populations be prioritized within the Phase 1 groups if vaccine supplies are not initially sufficient to vaccinate the entire group (i.e. among healthcare workers)?



VAPAC Considerations

Discussion Question 6

What considerations should be in place for jurisdictions that have vaccinated all of their Phase 1A populations when other jurisdictions have not? Should some jurisdictions move to Phase 1B prior to others?



Key Phase 1 Questions for VAPAC

Question 1

Do VAPAC members agree with healthcare personnel, EMS, and LTCF residents in Phase 1A?



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Key Phase 1 Questions for VAPAC

Question 2

Do VAPAC members agree with the activation of the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for LTC during Phase 1A to cover staff and residents at facilities that have signed up for the program?



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Key Phase 1 Questions for VAPAC

Question 3

Do VAPAC members agree with DES group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities in Phase 1A (group not covered under pharmacy LTCF allocation)?



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Question 4

Do VAPAC members agree with essential workers (non-healthcare) in Phase 1B?



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Key Phase 1 Questions for VAPAC

Question 5

Do VAPAC members agree with adults with high-risk medical conditions, adults 65 years and older, and adults living in congregate settings in Phase 1C?



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Next Steps



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