

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- 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. 2, and is subject to change given private sector dynamics and decision-making at the federal level.
- To date, there are more than 250 approved COVID-19 vaccine providers for Phase 1a in Tennessee.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued emergency use authorization Dec. 11 for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in individuals 16 years of age and older, which allows this vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. Pfizer will ship the vaccine directly to health care facilities.
- The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended on Dec. 1 that the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program (Phase 1a) should be offered to health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities.
- 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 how federal partners are working together to ensure the safety of COVID-19 vaccines: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html.

CURRENT ACTIONS

- Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey participated in an event at Vanderbilt University Medical Center to discuss the first allocations and administrations of COVID-19 vaccine in Tennessee.
- The state obtained an early shipment of 975 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to hold as an emergency backup supply should any receiving hospital's supply be damaged.
- Vaccines were shipped on Dec. 16 for delivery to 28 sites covering 74 Tennessee hospitals on Thursday, Dec. 17.
- TDH has distributed educational resources to Tennessee hospitals to prepare them for administration of the COVID-19 vaccines to their employees.
- TDH holds a webinar for health care providers every Friday from noon-1 p.m. Central time for providers to send questions that are answered by the immunization program team. Learn more and register at www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit now available online at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-vaccine-information/covid19-vaccination-comm-toolkit.html.

EXPECTED VACCINES

Pfizer

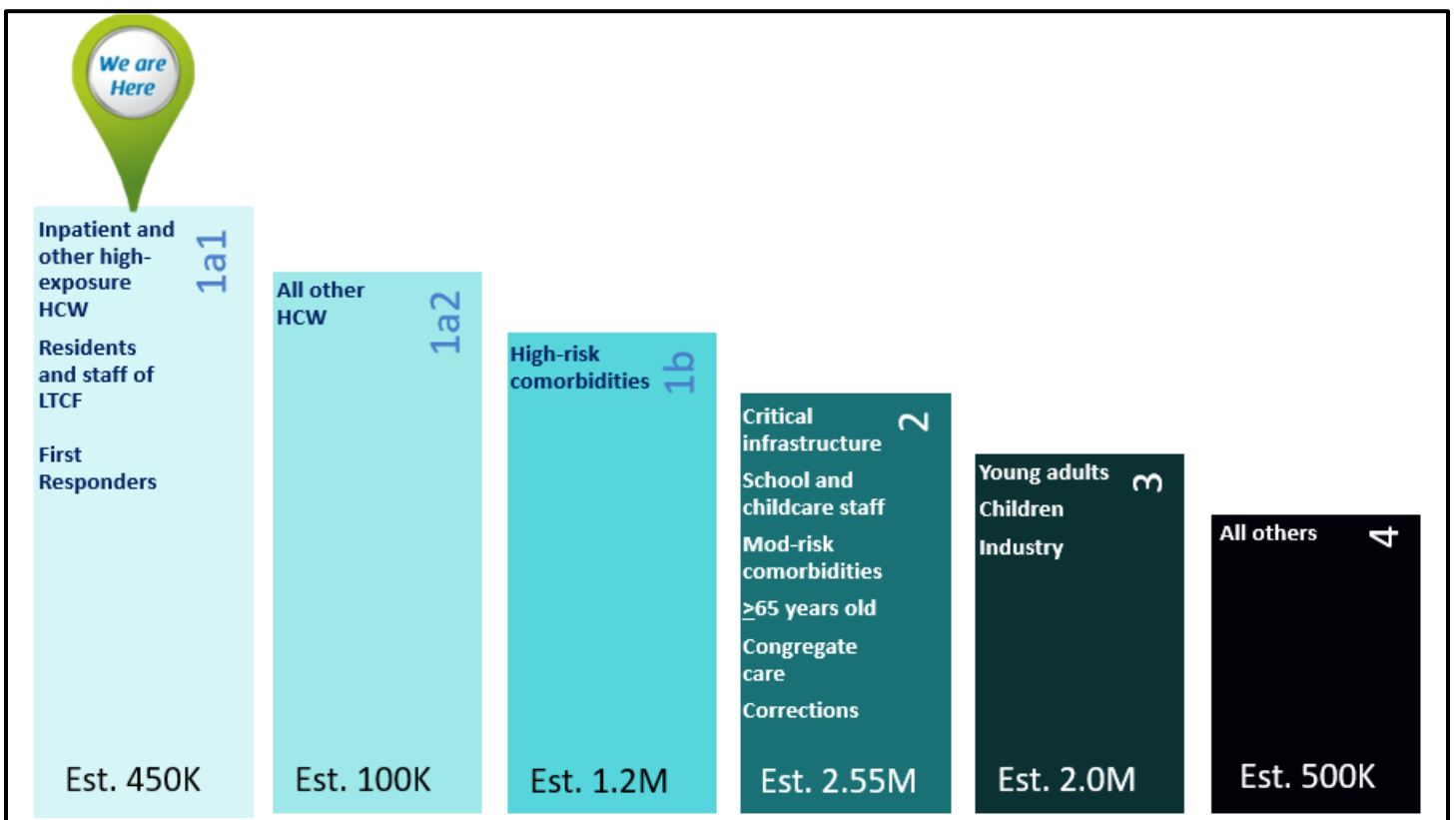
- Anticipating 56,550 doses on Dec. 17, to be distributed directly from Pfizer to 28 hospitals serving Phase 1a populations greater than 1,400 people
- Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose regimen with 21 days between doses
- Tennessee expects a second shipment of 56,550 doses in approximately three weeks, to provide second

doses to Phase 1a individuals

Moderna

- Anticipating 115,200 doses, with the first expected to arrive at county health departments on or around Dec. 22. Additional shipments of this allocation are expected to arrive at health departments and hospitals on or around Dec. 28.
- Moderna vaccine is a two-dose regimen with 28 days between doses
- FDA Emergency Use Authorization meeting Dec. 17

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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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