

COVID-19 VACCINE Priority Recommendations – March 19, 2021

Categories are broadly inclusive, but people who work directly with the public or in situations in which they cannot maintain masks and a distance of 6 feet from others should be prioritized. All Philadelphia vaccine sites are only for Philadelphia residents only.

Phase 1a

<i>HIGH RISK FOR EXPOSURE AND TRANSMISSION TO VULNERABLE PERSONS (PATIENT-FACING STAFF)</i>	<i>HIGH RISK OF MORBIDITY/MORTALITY</i>
Hospital staff	Long-term care facility residents
COVID testing staff	
COVID vaccination & lab staff	
Long-term care facility staff	
Emergency medical services	
Home health care	
Prison health services	
Outpatient clinics, FQHCs	
Other healthcare providers	

Phase 1b

<i>HIGH RISK FOR EXPOSURE AND PERFORM ESSENTIAL DUTIES</i>	<i>HIGH RISK OF MORBIDITY/MORTALITY</i>
Police, paramedics/EMTs and firefighters	Persons living or working in high-risk congregate residential facilities: prisons, shelters for the homeless, residential drug and alcohol treatment, psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation, and specialized services housing (does not include apartments, condos, and other independent living facilities)
Service providers required to do home visits or visits to high-risk congregate settings, staff at senior centers/day programs for seniors and those with intellectual disabilities	Persons age 65+
Public transit	Persons with the following high risk health conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer • Chronic kidney disease; • Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) • Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
Food distribution, prep, or service workers	
Frontline child or public facing staff of childcare, K-12 schools, libraries and recreation centers. Includes custodians and food preparation staff.	
Public facing staff of high-volume retail settings	
Factory/manufacturing workers whose work conditions require them to be present in person at sites with 20 or more people per room and/or	

those not able to consistently maintain 6 feet of distance and masking while at work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunocompromised state from solid organ or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of oral corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines • Obesity (body mass index [BMI] ≥ 30) • Sickle cell disease • Smoking • Type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus • Down Syndrome • Pregnancy • People with intellectual disabilities
Clergy	

Phase 1c

<i>OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS BUT WITH LOWER RISK OF EXPOSURE</i>	<i>HIGH RISK OF MORBIDITY/MORTALITY</i>
Sanitation workers	
Maintenance/janitorial workers (note that those working in schools and daycares are eligible in Phase 1B)	
Utility workers (except those frontline workers included as service providers who must do home visits in Phase 1B)	
Postal and package delivery workers	
Higher education	
Finance: public facing, non-remote positions only	
Transportation: airport and train workers, Taxi/rideshare drivers	
Construction	
IT & Telecommunications, Press	
Legal	
Public Health	

Phase 2

Everyone ≥ 16 years of age not previously immunized
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