

## Alabama Department of Public Health Covid Vaccine Roll-Out:

### Current Eligible Groups

#### Phase 1a - Healthcare workforce and long-term care

Alabama is currently in Phase 1a, consisting of over 326,000 healthcare workers. The week of December 28, residents of Long-Term Care began vaccination through the [federal Pharmacy Partnership](#).

Healthcare workers in Phase 1a include, but are not limited to, emergency medical service personnel, nurses, nursing assistants, home healthcare personnel, physicians, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists, students and trainees, contractual staff not employed by the healthcare facility, medical supply delivery, mortuary services, and persons not directly involved in patient care, but who could be exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted in the healthcare setting (e.g., clerical, dietary, environmental services, laundry, security, engineering and facilities management, administrative, billing, and volunteer personnel). Healthcare workers can schedule an appointment with ADPH using our [COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline](#) at 1-855-566-5333.

#### Phase 1b - Essential workers at highest risk for work related exposure and persons in identified age groups at risk for COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality

On January 18, Alabama began providing COVID-19 vaccinations for people 75 years or older, first responders, including law enforcement and firefighters, statewide by appointment. Persons in these groups can schedule an appointment with ADPH using our [COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline](#) at 1-855-566-5333. ADPH is working to expand access to other groups within 1b.

Phase 1b includes persons age 75 years and older; frontline essential workers; persons working or living in congregate settings including but not limited to homeless shelters and group homes; first responders including firefighters and law enforcement.

Some counties have been able to intermittently vaccinate persons age 75 years and older once the uptake of vaccine for Phase 1a has been satisfied for a daily clinic. ADPH will continue to work with community partners to vaccinate persons in Phase 1a and, as supply allows, persons 75 years and above.

### Upcoming Groups

#### Phase 1c - Persons in identified age groups at risk for COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality not included in Phase 1b; persons with high risk medical conditions; essential workers not recommended for vaccination in Phase 1b

Once persons in Phase 1b have been administered or offered the vaccine, Alabama will move into Phase 1c. ADPH does not have a timeline on this as ability to move to the next phase is dependent on vaccine supply.

Phase 1c includes persons not identified in Phase 1a or Phase 1b, and includes persons 65-74 years of age, persons 16-64 years of age with high risk medical conditions (including cancer; chronic kidney disease; COPD; heart conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies; immunocompromised state; solid organ transplant; obesity BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; sickle cell disease; smoking; type 2 diabetes; and pregnancy), and additional essential workers not identified in previous phases.

#### Phase 2 - All persons in age groups not previously recommended for vaccine (ages 16-64) and general population not included in earlier phases

ADPH has no specific timetable about when members of the general public can be vaccinated. Once the vaccine becomes readily available, the public may visit [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org) to locate a COVID-19 vaccine provider.