

COVID-19 Vaccine: Fact Sheet

Key Assumptions for COVID-19 Vaccine Availability



Limited doses are now available, but **supply will increase in early 2021**



Two vaccines available under Emergency Use Authorization issued by the FDA



Cold chain storage and handling requirements are likely to vary from **refrigerated to ultra-cold frozen**



Two doses from same manufacturer separated by 21 or 28 days, will be **needed for immunity** for most COVID-19 vaccines

Texas Guiding Principles to Vaccine Distribution



Protecting health care workers who fill a critical role in saving lives



Protecting front-line workers who provide critical services and are preserving the economy



Protecting vulnerable populations who are at greater risk of severe COVID-19 disease and death



Mitigating health inequities due to factors such as demographics, poverty and insurance status



Data-driven allocations that allow for flexibility for local conditions



Geographic diversity that considers balanced access in urban and rural areas



Transparency with the public and seeking public feedback

COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel (EVAP)

- Appointed panel of external and internal subject matter experts
- Make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health
- Establish prioritization of critical populations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 distribution
- Weekly review of the data to guide allocation recommendations

LIMITED SUPPLY

- 1A: Direct Care - Hospital, Long-Term Care, EMS 9-1-1, Home Health; Long-Term Care Residents
- 1A: Direct Services - Outpatient, ER/Urgent Care, Pharmacies, Last Responders, School Nurses

ADDITIONAL SUPPLY

- 1B: Persons 65+ or 16+ with at least one chronic medical condition, including pregnancy
 - 1C: Under consideration
 - 2: Under Consideration

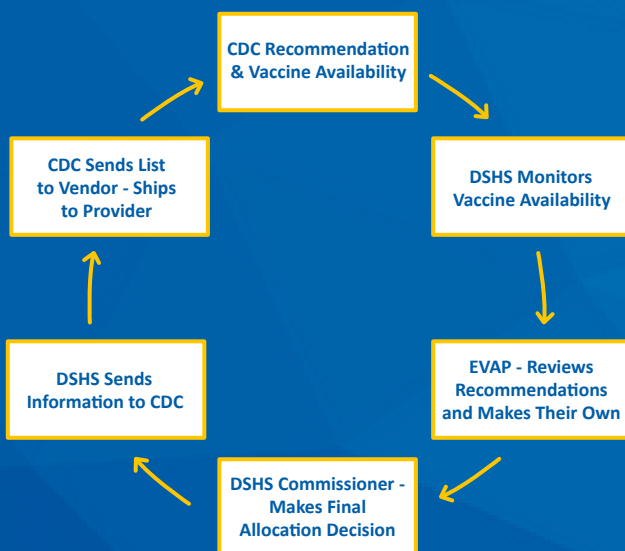
BROAD SUPPLY

3: Under Consideration

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** Pharmacy vaccine admin support to federal LTC program will impact State's weekly inventory*

Weekly Allocation Process



Quick Answers

Who pays for the vaccine?

- It's free to everyone, federal government pays for it. Plus, providers can seek reimbursement from insurance for administering vaccine.

Who can get vaccine?

- Eventually everyone will. There is phased distribution, starting with health care staff and LTC residents.

Is vaccine mandated?

- No. It is voluntary.

Do I need the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

- Yes. Immunity from vaccine may last longer than natural immunity.

Do I still need to wear mask, social distance if I've had the vaccine?

- Yes. We don't know if the vaccine prevents you from spreading the virus.