

## COVID-19 Vaccine: Who Will Be Able to Get the Vaccine?



Once a COVID-19 vaccine is approved for use, it will likely be available in limited amounts. Until the vaccine can be produced in large quantities it is expected that it will first be given to priority groups of people – considered critical populations - who have been identified at high risk of COVID-19.

A phased approach will be used to ensure that the vaccine is distributed in a fair and equitable manner until larger quantities of vaccine become available. Decisions about priority groups and how the doses will be spread across the state will likely change based on supply and demand. The vaccine will be available to those who live, work and/or are educated in New Jersey.

Phase 1 – Limited Doses Available	Phase 2 – Large Amount Available	Phase 3 – Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthcare workers who may have contact with infected patients or infectious materials</li> <li>Other essential workers</li> <li>People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness (over age 65, underlying health conditions, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remainder of those from Phase 1</li> <li>Critical populations</li> <li>General population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remainder of those from Phase 2</li> <li>Critical populations</li> <li>General population</li> </ul>

Categories of Critical Populations – including, but not limited to:

Healthcare Workers	Other Essential Workers	Adults at Higher Risk	Others at Higher Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital</li> <li>Long term care</li> <li>Home care</li> <li>Urgent care, clinics</li> <li>Dialysis centers</li> <li>Dental offices</li> <li>Funeral homes</li> <li>Pharmacies</li> <li>Public health</li> <li>Group homes</li> <li>EMS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First responders</li> <li>Food and agriculture</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Education/childcare</li> <li>Energy</li> <li>Water/sanitation</li> <li>Law enforcement</li> <li>Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long term care residents</li> <li>65 years and older</li> <li>Underlying medical conditions</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>Incarcerated</li> <li>Homeless shelters</li> <li>Group homes</li> <li>Other congregate settings such as psychiatric facilities, seasonal migrant farm workers, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>People from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>communities that have disproportionately acquired and/or died from COVID-19</li> <li>tribal communities</li> <li>colleges/universities</li> <li>rural communities</li> <li>people with disabilities</li> <li>people who are under- or uninsured</li> </ul>

More complete details on priority groups and other aspects of the distribution plan can be found in the New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Plan at [https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_vaccination.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml).