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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** Colorado's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

### Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of Colorado's plan for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

### Overview

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) recently released a phased plan for vaccinating Coloradans. This plan was developed through a collaboration among the Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee's Medical Advisory Group, CDPHE, the Governor's Office, and community members.

The current proposed timeline is subject to change based on vaccine availability. Table 1 has the phases of vaccination and which individuals are eligible for vaccination at each phase. Children and pregnant people are not included in this initial phased approach. They may be included and prioritized if and when safety and efficacy data become available.

**Table 1**  
**COVID-19 Vaccine Phases**

<b>Phases</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
Phase 1A – Winter	Highest-risk health care workers and individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People who have direct contact with COVID-19 patients for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; and</li> <li>- Long-term care facility staff and residents.</li> </ul>
Phase 1B - Winter	Moderate-risk health care workers and responders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health care workers with less direct contact with COVID-19 patients;</li> <li>- Workers in home health/hospice and dental settings; and</li> <li>- EMS, firefighters, police, correctional workers, dispatchers, funeral services, other first responders, and COVID-19 response personnel.</li> </ul>
Phase 2 – Spring	Higher-risk individuals and essential workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People age 65 or older;</li> <li>- People of any age with obesity, diabetes, chronic lung disease, significant heart disease, chronic kidney disease, cancer, or are immunocompromised;</li> <li>- People who interact directly with the public at work, such as grocery store workers and school and child care staff;</li> <li>- People who work in high density settings like farms and meat-packing plants;</li> <li>- Workers serving people that live in high-density settings;</li> <li>- Health care workers not included in Phase 1; and</li> <li>- Adults who received a placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial.</li> </ul>
Phase 3 – Summer	General public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone age 18-64 without high risk conditions.</li> </ul>

*Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center.*

For additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine in Colorado, please see: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>.