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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Interested Persons

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

### Summary

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

### Overview

On December 30, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) released an updated 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	<p>Highest-risk health care workers and individuals:</p> <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	<p>Coloradans age 70+, moderate-risk health care workers, first responders, frontline essential workers, and continuity of state government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health care workers with less direct contact with COVID-19 patients (e.g. home health, hospice, pharmacy, dental) and EMS;</li> <li>- Firefighters, police, COVID-19 response personnel, correctional workers, and funeral service;</li> <li>- People age 70 and older;</li> <li>- Frontline essential workers in education, food and agriculture, manufacturing, U.S. postal service, public transit and specialized transportation staff, grocery, public health, frontline essential human service workers, and direct care providers for Coloradans experiencing homelessness;</li> <li>- Essential officials from executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government; and</li> <li>- Essential frontline journalists.</li> </ul>
Phase 2 – Spring	<p>Higher-risk individuals and other essential workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People age 60-69;</li> <li>- People age 16-59 with obesity, diabetes, chronic lung disease, significant heart disease, chronic kidney disease, cancer, or who are immunocompromised;</li> <li>- Other essential workers and continuity of local government; and</li> <li>- Adults who received a placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial.</li> </ul>
Phase 3 – Summer	<p>General public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone age 16-59 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>.