

Due to limited initial supply, health care workers, first responders, and nursing home residents and staff are the first to receive the vaccine. Vaccine supply is dependent on the federal government's allocation to Maryland and is subject to change. The state has adopted a rolling vaccine allocation model, meaning it may not wait for every member of a particular group to get vaccinated before moving ahead; individuals will still have the opportunity to be vaccinated in subsequent phases.

Phase 1A

Population Groups (not completely inclusive)

- All licensed, registered, and certified health care providers
- Nursing home residents and staff
- Law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and other first responders
- Correctional health care staff and officers
- Front line judiciary staff

Timeline

Phase 1A began in mid-late December.

Phase 1B

Population Groups (not completely inclusive)

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Maryland residents who are 75 years and older
- Marylanders in assisted living, independent living, developmental disabilities/behavioral health group homes, and other congregate facilities
- High-risk incarcerated individuals
- Continuity of government vaccinations
- Education (K-12 teachers, support staff, daycare)

Timeline

Phase 1B began on January 18, 2021.

Phase 1C

Population Groups (not completely inclusive)

- Adults age 65-74
- Public safety workers not covered in Phase 1A
- Health care workers not covered in Phase 1A, including but not limited to lab services, public health, vaccine manufacturing and other health care professions
- Food/agriculture production, critical manufacturing, U.S. Postal Service, public mass transit, grocery store employees
- Veterinarians and support staff
- Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship
- Individuals who are currently receiving hospital-based treatment, including in hospital outpatient centers, AND diagnosed with at least one of the following conditions:
 - Cancer patients who are currently in active treatment
 - End-stage renal disease patients requiring hemodialysis
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) patients
 - Solid organ transplant recipients
 - Sickle cell disease patients
 - Diabetic patients (Type 1 and Type 2)
- Individuals who are diagnosed with these medical conditions but are not currently receiving hospital-based treatment, including in hospital outpatient centers, will be eligible to receive the vaccine in Maryland's Phase 2 COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Timeline

Phase 1C began on January 25, 2021.

NOTE : The state currently estimates needing 3 million doses of two-dose vaccines to complete Phase 1.

Phase 2

Population Groups (not completely inclusive)

- Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
- Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, logistics, infrastructure, food service, etc.
- Incarcerated adults

Timeline

Phase 2 will begin after the majority of Phase 1 has been vaccinated or the federal government's allocation of vaccines increases.

Phase 3

Population Groups (not completely inclusive)

- General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

Timeline

Phase 3 will begin once the majority of Phase 2 has been vaccinated and/or the federal government's allocation of vaccines to the state increases.