



## Planned COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in New York City

The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed in phases to groups of people at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure or severe COVID-19 illness. Phased distribution will take time, with vaccines not expected to be widely available to all New Yorkers until mid-2021. The different phases of COVID-19 vaccine distribution are determined by New York State (NYS) and may change. New York City is committed to ensuring that access to the vaccine is fair and equitable.

The table below reflects our best estimate of who will receive the vaccine when. We will update our guidance regularly as we learn more. Please check [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://nyc.gov/covidvaccine) for the latest information, including when and where to get vaccinated.

### Who is currently eligible for the vaccine?

Phase	Eligible Groups
<p><b>Phase 1a:</b> <b>Currently Eligible</b></p>	<p><b>Health care workers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-risk health care workers in hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) psychiatric centers</li> <li>• High-risk health care workers who provide direct in-person care in outpatient/ambulatory settings and other staff in these settings who have direct contact with patients (such as intake staff); this group includes workers in private or hospital-affiliated medical practices, specialty medical practices, public health clinics, dental practices and diagnostic and treatment centers; phlebotomists; dialysis workers; occupational therapists; physical therapists; speech therapists; behavioral health workers; and student health workers</li> <li>• Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel</li> <li>• Urgent care providers</li> <li>• Health care workers administering COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• Health care workers in COVID-19 testing sites</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents and Staff if the following group living facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities</li> <li>• Long-term group living facilities run by NYS OMH, Office People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), and Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other eligible groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical examiners and coroners</li> <li>• Funeral workers who have direct contact with infectious material and bodily fluids</li> <li>• Frontline, high-risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients or handle COVID-19 specimens or vaccinations</li> </ul>

**Who is eligible next?**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Eligible Groups</b>
<b>Phase 1a: Eligible starting January 11, 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Home care workers</li><li>• Hospice workers</li><li>• Staff in nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities who did not receive COVID-19 vaccination through the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program</li></ul>

**Who may be eligible after that?**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Eligible Groups</b>
<b>Phase 1a: Eligible likely starting mid-January 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Other health care workers</li><li>• Other people at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure or severe COVID-19 illness</li></ul>
<b>Phase 1b: Eligible likely starting February 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People age 75 and older</li><li>• Frontline essential workers who cannot physically distance and have frequent in-person contact with others (to be determined by NYS)</li></ul>
<b>Phase 1c: Eligible likely starting March-April 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People ages 65 to 74</li><li>• People with certain underlying health conditions (to be determined by NYS)</li><li>• All other essential workers (to be determined by NYS)</li></ul>
<b>Phase 2: Eligible likely starting Summer 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All other people</li></ul>

**The NYC Health Department may change recommendations as the situation evolves.**

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