

WHEN WILL I GET MY VACCINE?

It depends on a variety of factors, including what you do for a living, your age, and the availability of the vaccine.

CAN I JUST COME TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND GET MY VACCINE?

Not now and please don't, as we do not have publicly available vaccine at any of the Metro Public Health Department facilities. When your eligibility is reached it will be made known to you. The current vaccine sites are not in MPH buildings, and those in operation now are not open to the general public.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN IT'S MY TURN?

We will pass along information on the Metro COVID website at <https://www.asafenashville.org>, in the weekly COVID press conferences, through the general media, employers, professional organizations, state licensing rosters, trade groups and etc. When it's your turn it should not be difficult to know. There is an option to register in the information under **“WHAT IF I'M WORRIED ...”**

OTHER COUNTIES SAY THEY'RE VACCINATING BY AGE. WHY ISN'T METRO?

We will, but not yet. Nashville has different demographics than many other counties in Tennessee. In particular, we have more health care workers, long-term care facility staff and residents, first responders and other high-risk categories than less populous places, and so have more people to vaccinate in earlier phases. We will get to vaccinations by age. See phase descriptions, below.

WHAT ARE THE PHASES?

- 1a1. ***This is where we are now.*** This phase is restricted to front-line health care workers, first responders (fire, police, EMS), skilled nursing home staff and residents, and adult day care staff.
- 1a2. This phase consists of outpatient health care workers with direct patient exposure, and mortuary services staff. We would anticipate beginning vaccination of cohorts by age, beginning with individuals 75 years old and older, toward the end of this phase.
- 1b. This phase will be K-12 school staff and childcare facilities staff.
- 1c. This phase will be anyone 16 years of age or older who has at least one high-risk comorbidity.
- 2a. This phase consists of those who are 55 years of age and older, and some critical infrastructure groups (those working in social services, commercial agriculture, food production, correctional facilities, public transit).
- 2b. This phase is the second group of critical infrastructure, including transportation, public infrastructure, telecommunications, utilities, the energy sector.
- 3. This includes congregate facilities such as jails, rescue missions; and grocery store workers.
- Next: The next phase will be those 45 years of age and older.

HOW LONG WILL EACH PHASE LAST?

We have no way of knowing for certain. Our first shipments of vaccine were not enough for the first phase, for instance, so we are to some extent at the mercy of the supply chain. Also, we have estimates for how many people have at least one high-risk comorbidity, but no hard and fast number, and it could potentially be in the hundreds of thousands of people.

So, the availability of the vaccine, the actual numbers of people in each category and the uptake of the vaccine among the populace all will factor into how long the phases last.

We will not wait until every last individual in a phase has been vaccinated to move to the next group, of course. Once the numbers begin to wane in a phase, we will open up to the next group depending, again, on the availability of the vaccine.

WHAT IF I'M WORRIED YOU WON'T KNOW ABOUT ME AND I'LL GET LEFT OUT?

If you have concerns that you might be left out, you should first check the website to see if you can find the answer there. If you still have question, you may email covid-19vaccinelogistics@nashville.gov. It would be best to include the type of business you are in, the number of staff you are looking to protect, other pertinent information of that sort. *If you email this address you may get a reply, but it will not tell you when your turn is; the data will be compiled so that people in the queue can be notified when their time comes.*

DO I REALLY HAVE TO GET TWO SHOTS?

Yes. The approved vaccines we have now are both two-shot series vaccines. The Pfizer vaccine requires a three-week interim between the first shot and the second. The Moderna vaccine requires four weeks between them. This of course is another complicating factor; not only do we need to vaccinate everyone in Davidson County, we have to do it twice. We will get there.

COVID-19 Vaccine Phases

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Estimated Timeline

December 2020 January 2021 February/March March/Q2 Q2 Q2/Q3 Q3/Q4

Simultaneous Age-Based Criteria Phase

75+ 65+ 55+ 45+ 35+ 25+ 16+

1a1

1a2

1b

1c

2a

2b

3

Inpatient & Other
High Exposure
Healthcare Workers,
Residents & Staff of
Long Term Care
Facilities (LTCF), First
Responders,
and Adults Who
Cannot Live
Independently

Outpatient Healthcare
Workers With Direct
Patient Exposure
Including Mortuary
Services

K-12 and
Child Care Staff,
and Additional First
Responders

16+ With
High-Risk
Comorbidities

Critical Infrastructure:
Social Services,
Commercial
Agriculture,
Commercial Food
Production,
Corrections Staff,
and Public transit

Critical
Infrastructure:
Transportation,
Public infrastructure,
Telecommunications,
and Utilities/Energy

Congregate Living
Facilities Including
Corrections and
Grocery Workers

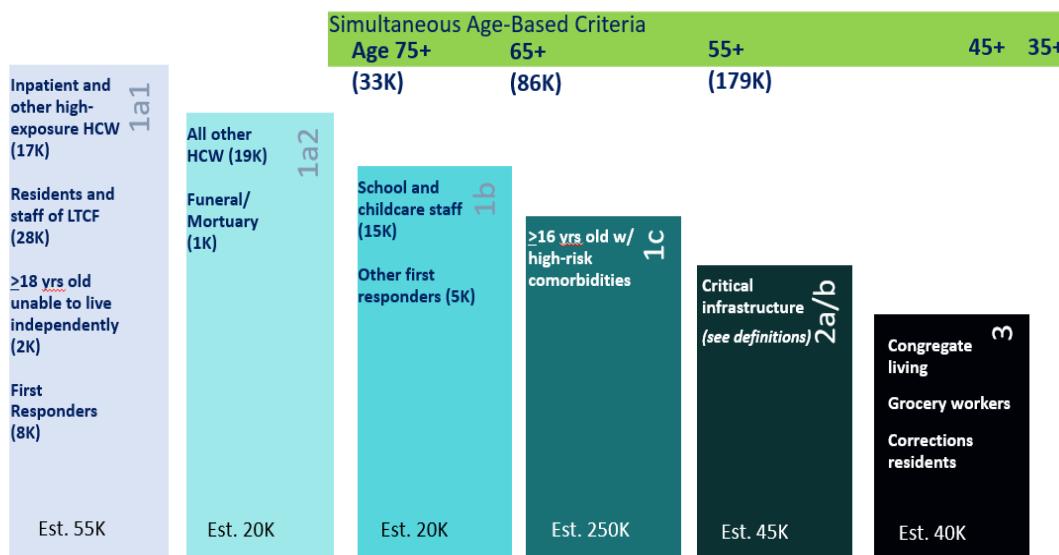
Estimated timeline and phases are preliminary and subject to change.

LEARN MORE AT

COVID19.TN.gov/Vaccine

Nashville Vaccine Allocation Phases*

Equity is a crosscutting consideration: In each population group, vaccine access should be prioritized for geographic areas identified through CDC's Social Vulnerability Index or another more specific index.



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Based TDH Vaccine Allocation Plan

Adapted from <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25917/framework-for-equitable-allocation-of-covid-19-vaccine>