

COVID-19 Vaccination Advisory

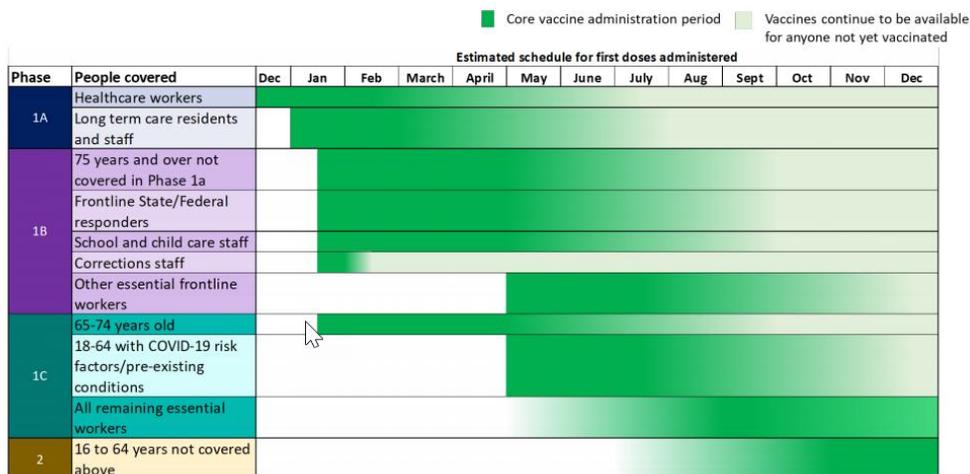
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With the emergency approval of several COVID-19 vaccines and distribution beginning to take place, Michigan is now following its draft COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. The plan prioritizes vaccination in the event that vaccine supply is limited. This will almost certainly remain the case for much of 2021 until vaccine production increases.

The Michigan Vaccination Plan includes several phases depicted below. Phase 1A is led by the state government, while additional phases will be led by local health departments. The definition of these phases are more of a guideline to help these entities prioritize distribution as vaccines become available. **These are not legally defined and there is room for local discretion.**

Michigan Vaccination Phases (Source: MDHHS)	
Phase 1A	includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home, as well as residents of long-term care facilities.
Phase 1B	includes frontline essential workers and individuals 75 years of age and older.
Phase 1C	includes any other essential workers, persons 65 to 74 years of age, and individuals 16 to 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions.
Phase 2	is a mass vaccination campaign for all persons age 16 years or older.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is creating lettered subgroups within these phases (A, B, C, etc.) to adapt priorities within these phases based on vaccine availability and COVID-19 spread. Food and agriculture are identified as essential industries under the applicable federal guidance. However, it is important to note the difference between settings deemed as “frontline”, with such conditions being those where workers are forced to work in close proximity (within 6 feet) of each other or in contact with the public. Agricultural workers will likely fall into phases 1B and 1C depending on whether the duties performed represent “frontline” conditions. **It is important to note these are not distinct phases; several phases will be occurring at the same time.** Vaccine rollout is now planned as shown in the figure below:



Source: MDHHS

Vaccine distribution is currently entering phase 1B Group A and 1C Group A. Applicable employers should contact their local health department, while employees will be notified by their employer and should not independently pursue vaccination. Changes to these priorities may be made based on dynamics of the pandemic. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine. As additional information and resources become available, they will be posted to this site.