COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation
COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Initiation

As of January 4, 2021


Total Doses Distributed
15,418,500

Total Number of People Initiating Vaccination (1st Dose Received)
4,563,260

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ACIP: COVID-19 Vaccine Guiding Principles

**Efficient Distribution.** During a pandemic, efficient, expeditious and equitable distribution and administration of authorized vaccine is critical.

**Flexibility.** Within national guidelines, state and local jurisdictions should have flexibility to administer vaccine based on local epidemiology and demand.
Overview of groups prioritized by ACIP in Phase 1 & 2 of allocation

Phase 1a
- Health care personnel
- Long-term care facility residents

Phase 1b
- Frontline essential workers
- Persons aged 75 years and older

Phase 1c
- Persons aged 65-74 years
- Persons aged 16-64 years with high-risk conditions
- Essential workers not recommended in Phase 1b

Phase 2
- All people aged 16 years and older not in Phase 1, who are recommended for vaccination

Initiation of phases will be overlapping
Special challenges and considerations for vaccination of older adults

- Access to information about when they are eligible for vaccination and where they can obtain vaccine
- Vaccine access for persons living in
  - Congregate settings
  - Adult family homes
  - Rural areas
- Vaccine access for persons with
  - Cognitive decline
  - Limited family or community support
  - Mobility or disability challenges
  - Limited or no transportation
COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Strategy

1. **Use established systems** to implement heightened safety monitoring for COVID-19 vaccines

2. **Develop new platforms** and leverage other federal data sources to complement existing systems

3. **Communicate clearly** on the vaccine safety process and systems now; provide COVID-19 vaccine safety data and monitoring results once available
1. Text message check-ins from CDC (daily 1st week; weekly thru 6 weeks; then 3, 6, and 12 mo.)

Vaccine recipient completes web survey

2. Clinically important event(s) reported

- Missed work
- Unable to do normal daily activities
- Received medical care

3. A VAERS customer service representative conducts active telephone follow-up on a clinically important event and takes a report if appropriate.
COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

Top 3 Takeaways

1. The U.S. vaccine safety system is strong and robust
2. New safety systems are being added for COVID-19 vaccines
3. You can play an important role in helping CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines
Your role in supporting the vaccination of older adults

**Public health partners**
- Promote participation in v-safe
- Promote reporting to VAERS
- Communicate with your partners on vaccine safety and prioritization
- Share CDC resources and toolkits

**Healthcare providers**
- Encourage patient participation in v-safe
- Report adverse events to VAERS
- Communicate with patients on vaccine safety and prioritization
- Share CDC resources and information on vaccine eligibility and access