



December 23rd

COVID-19 TOWN HALL

NATIONAL CASES



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

TOTAL CASES
17,974,303

+183,927 New Cases

AVERAGE DAILY CASES PER 100K IN LAST 7 DAYS

66

TOTAL DEATHS
318,569

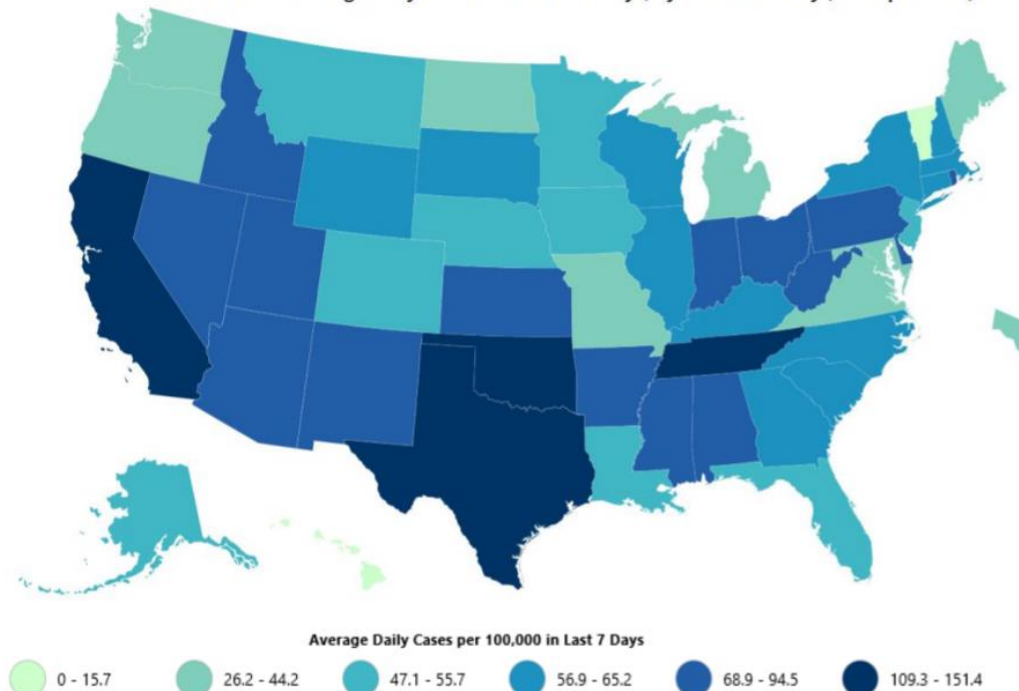
+1,725 New Deaths

United States

7-Day Moving Average: 215,909

Date: December 21, 2020

US COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rate in Last 7 Days, by State/Territory (cases per 100K)



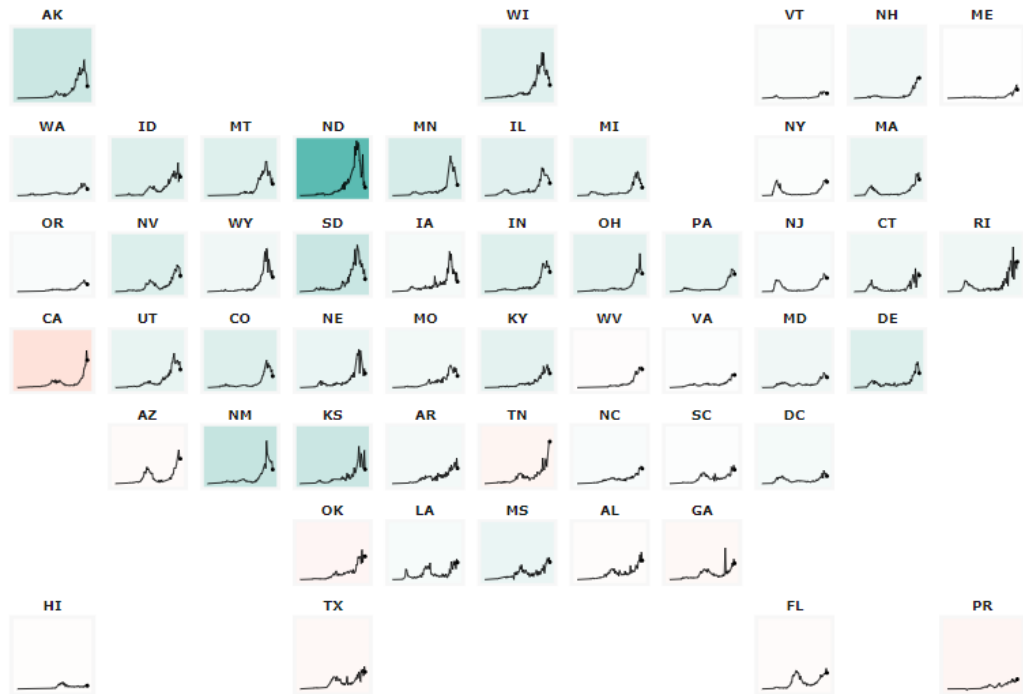
DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (3 DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

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R_t = Effective Reproduction Rate

Daily New Cases per 100k people. Data shown from 1/22/20 to 12/22/20.



Arizona

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Current R_t

1.06

Cases

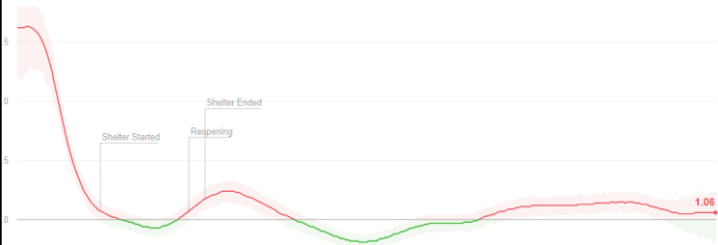
461,343

Tests

4,658,553

Effective Reproduction Rate · R_t

R_t is the average number of people who become infected by an infectious person. If it's above 1.0, COVID-19 will spread quickly. If it's below 1.0, infections will slow. [Learn More](#)





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Health and Wellness for All Arizonans

Arizona Cases by Day

Number of
Cases

467,215

Number of
Deaths

8,125

Number of New Cases
reported today*

5,870

Number of New Deaths
reported today*

153

Rate of cases, per 100,000
population

6,499.0

Rate of fatalities, per
100,000 population

113.02

12.315k

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9.852k

7389

7772 on December 11

4926

2463

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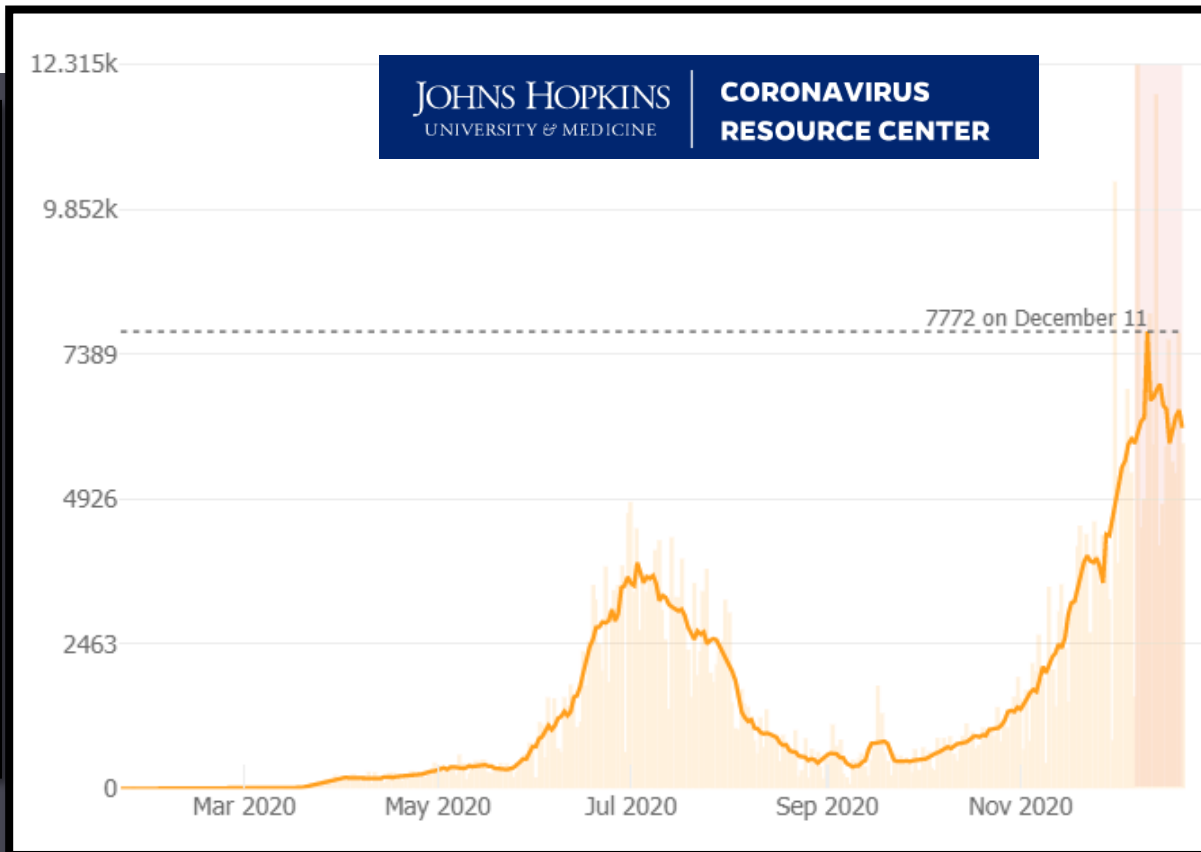
Mar 2020

May 2020

Jul 2020

Sep 2020

Nov 2020



Laboratory Tests

State ↑

New Cases ⓘ ↑

Tests per 100k people ↑

Percent Positive ⓘ ↑

New daily cases

Weekly trend

Daily Tests

Weekly trend

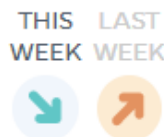
Daily % positive

Above threshold?

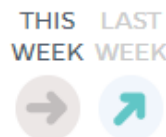
Arizona ↓



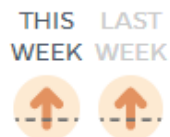
+5,870 new



619.3 tests per 100k



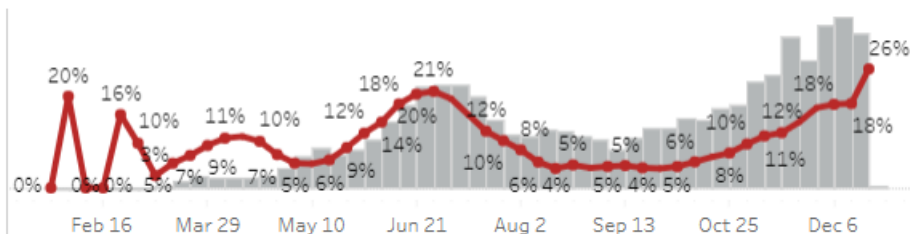
13.6% positive



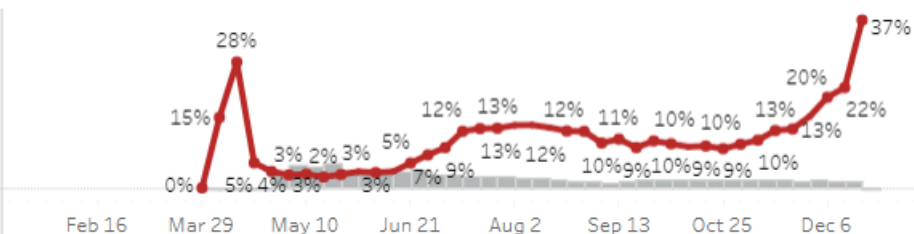
■ People tested for COVID-19 and ■ percent positive by week

Percent positive is the number of people with a positive result in Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR), out of all people with COVID-19 testing reported via ELR in AZ. Diagnostic tests include PCR and antigen testing.

Total % Positive COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests: 12.2%



Total % Positive COVID-19 Serology Tests: 8.0%





COVID-19 Task Force -FAQ Updates



Q: Will the Board of Pharmacy continue to issue temporary work authorizations for pharmacists, interns, and technicians?

A: Yes, the Board of Pharmacy will continue to issue [temporary work authorizations](#) during the Declaration of Emergency in Arizona. Temporary work authorizations will expire on the date the Declaration of Emergency is lifted.



Q: I am a pharmacist who has been granted temporary authorization to practice pharmacy in Arizona. How do I obtain certification to perform immunizations?

A: Pharmacists with temporary authorization to work in Arizona must submit the [Application for Certification to Perform Immunizations](#) and provide supporting documentation. If approved, the temporary work authorization and certification to perform immunizations will expire on the date the Declaration of Emergency is lifted.

NEW

Q: I am a pharmacist or pharmacy intern who applied for certification to perform immunizations. May I administer immunizations prior to obtaining approval from the Board of Pharmacy?

A: No. The Board of Pharmacy must approve the application prior to the licensee performing immunizations. After submitting the required application and documents, please monitor the online verification site. If approved, you will find an indicator under “Immunizer” (see below).

Verification link: https://azbop.igovsolution.net/online/Lookups/AZIndividual_Lookup.aspx

name	license #	license type	status	issue	expiration	exp	discipline	new discipline	immunizer
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Pharmacist	Active	06/15/2019	06/15/2022	06	0	0	1

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NEW

Q: Can pharmacy interns administer immunizations under the supervision of a healthcare professional that is not an immunization-certified pharmacist?

A: No. Per A.R.S. 32-1974(K), “a pharmacy intern who is certified by the board to administer immunizations and vaccines pursuant to this section may do so only in the presence and under the immediate personal supervision of a pharmacist who is certified as prescribed in this section.” Further guidance may be forthcoming from the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy.



Q: My immunization certification has expired/lapsed. What is required to reinstate my certification?

A: You must submit the [Application for Certification to Perform Immunizations](#). If you were previously certified to perform immunizations in Arizona:

- Indicate your previous certification on your application; Board staff will cross-reference your application to your previously held certification. In addition, you will be required to submit documentation of:
 - Current CPR certification as specified in A.A.C. R4-23-411(D)(3).
 - If your CPR card expired on or after March 11, 2020, the requirement to renew your CPR certification is waived for the duration of the Declaration of Emergency in Arizona. If your CPR certification expired prior to March 11, 2020, you are required to renew it.
 - Two (2) contact hours related to administering immunizations, vaccines, and emergency medications as specified in A.A.C. R4-23-204(A)(2)(a).
- If your expired/lapsed certification is not located in the Board's database, you will be required to submit documentation of:
 - Completion of a training program as specified in A.A.C. R4-23-411(E).
 - Current CPR certification as specified in A.A.C. R4-23-411(D)(3).
 - If your CPR card expired on or after March 11, 2020, the requirement to renew your CPR certification is waived for the duration of the Declaration of Emergency in Arizona. If your CPR certification expired prior to March 11, 2020, you are required to renew it.
 - Two (2) contact hours related to administering immunizations, vaccines, and emergency medications as specified in A.A.C. R4-23-204(A)(2)(a).



Q: My CPR certification has expired. Am I required to renew it?

A: If your CPR card expired on or after March 11, 2020, the requirement to renew your CPR certification is waived for the duration of the Declaration of Emergency in Arizona. If your CPR certification expired prior to March 11, 2020, you are required to renew it.

Q: I am an immunizing pharmacist and I will not be able to renew my CPR certification; can I still immunize?

A: Yes, the Board of Pharmacy will allow those pharmacists with CPR certificate expiring to during the Health Emergency to immunize for up to six months after the Health Emergency is lifted.



Q: Can employers force licensees to administer COVID-19 vaccines?

A: This business decision does not fall within the Board of Pharmacy's jurisdiction.

HHS PREP ACT



Q: May Arizona-licensed pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians follow guidance outlined in the HHS PREP Act?

A: Yes. Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians may follow expanded scope guidance outlined in the HHS Prep Act.

- [Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists and Pharmacy Interns Regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and Immunity under the PREP Act \(09/03/2020\)](#)
- [Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity under the PREP Act \(04/08/2020\)](#)
- [Guidance for PREP Act Coverage for Qualified Pharmacy Technicians and State-Authorized Pharmacy Interns for Childhood Vaccines, COVID-19 Vaccines, and COVID-19 Testing \(10/20/2020\)](#)

NEW

Q: I am a pharmacy technician interested in administering immunizations as outlined in the HHS PREP Act. Do I need to apply for certification to perform immunizations with the Board of Pharmacy?

A: Not at this time. However, you must maintain all required documentation at the pharmacy as outlined in the [Guidance for PREP Act Coverage for Qualified Pharmacy Technicians and State-Authorized Pharmacy Interns for Childhood Vaccines, COVID-19 Vaccines, and COVID-19 Testing \(10/20/2020\)](#). The documentation shall be made available upon request from the Board of Pharmacy or other regulatory agency.

RECORDKEEPING

NEW

Q: I am a pharmacist or pharmacy intern certified to perform immunizations. I plan to work at a mass immunization site. What are the recordkeeping requirements?

A: Please refer to A.R.S. 32-1974(F) and [Executive Order 2020-57](#) . Further guidance may be forthcoming from the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy.

NEW

Q: Should healthcare organizations document movement of COVID-19 vaccine within and outside of the organization?

A: Chain of custody and transfer of ownership should be documented to comply with recordkeeping requirements and facilitate identification of specific lot numbers in the event of a product recall.

COVID-19 Vaccines

mRNA Vaccines

COVID-19 VACCINES – SUBMITTED EUA'S

Pfizer BioNTech:

- Submitted for EUA: 11/20/20
- FDA approved EUA: 12/11/20
- CDC/ACIP recommended: 12/13/20
- 95% effective
- Vials must be kept frozen between (-112°F to -76°F) and protect from light.
- Pfizer BioNTech Clinical Website

Moderna:

- Submitted for EUA: 11/30/20
- FDA approved EUA: 12/18/20
- CDC/ACIP recommended: 12/19/20
- 94.5% effective
- Vials must be kept frozen between (-13° to 5°F) and protect from light.
- CDC's Moderna Clinical Website

ACIP Authorized Age Groups & Administration

Pfizer-BioNTech

- Ages ≥ 16 years
- Dose: 0.3 ml
- Interval: (21 days) apart
- MDV: 5 doses per vial**
- Diluent: 0.9% sodium chloride-PF
- Minimum Order: 975 doses

Moderna

- Ages ≥ 18 years
- Dose: 0.5 ml
- Interval: (28 days) apart
- MDV: 10 doses per vial
- Diluent: None
- Minimum Order: 100 doses

- Children/adolescents outside of these age groups should not receive COVID-19 vaccination at this time.
- 2nd doses administered within ≤ 4 days from the recommended date are considered valid; however, doses administered earlier do not need to be repeated.
- 2nd dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible but there is no maximum interval between the first and second dose for either vaccine.

Overfill- Pfizer BioNTech Vaccine

Q: Some vials of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine have contained extra product after five doses is obtained. Can the extra be used?



A: FDA is aware of the issue and working with Pfizer to determine the best path forward, and will share additional updates as we have them. At this time, given the public health emergency, FDA is advising that it is acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending resolution of the issue. However, since the vials are preservative free, it is critical to note that any further remaining product that does not constitute a full dose should not be pooled from multiple vials to create one.

FDA FAQ

Interchangeability with Other Products

- ACIP does NOT state a product preference.
- mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are NOT interchangeable with each other or with other COVID-19 vaccine products.
- Series should be completed with the SAME product.
 - *However, if two doses of different mRNA COVID-19 vaccine products are inadvertently administered, no additional doses of either product are recommended at this time.*

Coadministration

The mRNA vaccine series should be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration with any other vaccines.

- *If mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are inadvertently administered within 14 days of another vaccine, doses do not need to be repeated for either vaccine.*

Persons with History of SARS-CoV-2

Vaccination should be offered to persons regardless of history of prior symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection.

- *Data from phase 2/3 clinical trials suggest vaccination safe and likely efficacious in these persons.*
- *Viral or serologic testing for acute or prior infection, respectively, is not recommended for the purpose of vaccine decision-making.*

Persons with known Current SARS-CoV-2 Infection

Vaccination should be deferred until recovery from acute illness (if person had symptoms) AND criteria have been met to discontinue isolation.

- *No minimal interval between infection and vaccination.*
- *Current evidence suggests reinfection uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection, and thus persons with documented acute infection in the preceding 90 days may defer vaccination until the end of this period, if desired.*

Persons Who Previously Received Passive Antibody Therapy For COVID-19

Vaccination should be deferred for at least 90 days to avoid interference of the treatment with vaccine-induced immune responses.

- *Currently no data on safety or efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination in persons who received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma as part of COVID-19 treatment.*
- *Based on estimated half-life of therapies and evidence suggesting reinfection is uncommon within 90 days of initial infection.*

Persons With Underlying Medical Conditions

Vaccine may be administered to persons with underlying medical conditions who have no contraindications to vaccination

- *Phase 2/3 clinical trials demonstrate similar safety and efficacy profiles in persons with underlying medical conditions, including those that place them at increased risk for severe COVID-19, compared to persons without comorbidities*

Immunocompromised Persons

Persons with HIV infection, other immunocompromising conditions, or who take immunosuppressive medications or therapies might be at increased risk for severe COVID-19 and may still receive COVID-19 vaccine unless otherwise contraindicated.

- *Individuals should be counseled about: Unknown vaccine safety and efficacy profiles in immunocompromised persons; Potential for reduced immune responses; Need to continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves against COVID-19*

Pregnancy

If a woman is part of a group (e.g., healthcare personnel) who is recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and is pregnant, she may choose to be vaccinated.

- No data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant women however animal developmental and reproductive toxicity (DART) studies are ongoing; Studies in humans are ongoing and more planned
- mRNA vaccines are not live vaccines & they are degraded quickly by normal cellular processes and don't enter the nucleus of the cell
- Pregnant women are at increased risk of severe illness (ICU admission, mechanical ventilation and death). Might be an increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as preterm birth

Statements from [SMFM](#) and [ACOG](#)

Recommendations for Vaccinated People

- Protection from vaccine is not immediate; vaccine is a 2-dose series and will take 1 to 2 weeks following the second dose to be considered fully vaccinated.
- Given the currently limited information on how well the vaccine works in the general population; how much it may reduce disease, severity, or transmission; and how long protection lasts, vaccinated persons should continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves and others, including:
 - Wearing a mask
 - Staying at least 6 feet away from other
 - Avoiding crowds
 - Washing hands often
 - Following CDC travel guidance; quarantine guidance after an exposure to someone with COVID-19; Following any applicable workplace or school guidance

Contraindications and Precautions

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the COVID-19 vaccine is a contraindication to vaccination.
- A severe allergic reaction to any vaccine or injectable therapy (IM, IV, or SC) is a precaution to vaccination.
- **Vaccine providers should observe patients after vaccination** to monitor for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions:
 - Persons with a history of anaphylaxis: 30 minutes
 - All other persons: 15 mins
- Appropriate medical treatment used to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event that an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs.

Vaccine Components

COVID-19 Vaccine Components

Description	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine	Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
mRNA	Nucleoside-modified mRNA encoding the viral spike (S) glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2	Nucleoside-modified mRNA encoding the viral spike (S) glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2
Lipids	2[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N, N-ditetradecylacetamide	Polyethylene glycol (PEG) 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol (DMG)
	1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine	1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine
	Cholesterol	Cholesterol
	(4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl) bis(2-hexyldecanoate)	SM-102 (Proprietary to Moderna)
Salts, sugars, buffers	Potassium chloride	Tromethamine
	Monobasic potassium phosphate	Tromethamine hydrochloride
	Sodium chloride	Acetic acid
	Dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate	Sodium acetate
	Sucrose	Sucrose

There are no preservatives and no latex in the stoppers of either product

Risk Assessment for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination

When assessing a person's history of allergic reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy, the following considerations can be used to help the provider:

1. Type of reaction and symptoms (e.g., whether symptoms were generalized and consistent with anaphylaxis)
2. For a reaction to a medication, whether the medication was administered by injection or another route
3. Whether the reaction required use of epinephrine (EpiPen[®], etc.) or resulted in advanced medical care, (e.g., emergency room visit, hospitalization)
4. How long ago the reaction occurred and whether the same vaccine or medication was subsequently administered without symptoms
5. Whether the patient has been evaluated by an allergist-immunologist and the diagnosis has been confirmed

Algorithm for the triage of persons presenting for mRNA COVID-19 vaccine

		MAY PROCEED WITH VACCINATION	PRECAUTION TO VACCINATION	CONTRAINDICATION TO VACCINATION
CONDITIONS		<p>CONDITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunocompromising conditions Pregnancy Lactation <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional information provided* 15 minute observation period 	<p>CONDITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate/severe acute illness <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment Potential deferral of vaccination 15 minute observation period if vaccinated 	<p>CONDITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
	ALLERGIES	<p>ALLERGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of food, pet, insect, venom, environmental, latex, or other allergies not related to vaccines or injectable therapies History of allergy to oral medications (including the oral equivalent of an injectable medication) Non-serious allergy to vaccines or other injectables (e.g., no anaphylaxis) Family history of anaphylaxis Any other history of anaphylaxis that is not related to a vaccine or injectable therapy <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 minute observation period: Persons with a history of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) due to any cause 15 minute observation period: Persons with allergic reaction, but not anaphylaxis 	<p>ALLERGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to another vaccine (not including mRNA COVID-19 vaccines†) History of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to an injectable therapy <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment Potential deferral of vaccination 30 minute observation period if vaccinated 	<p>ALLERGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine† <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not vaccinate

Screening Tool

Pre-Vaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines



For vaccine recipients:

The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason you should not get the COVID-19 vaccine today. **If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you should not be vaccinated.** It just means additional questions may be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

Patient Name _____

Age _____

	Yes	No	Don't know
1. Are you feeling sick today?			
2. Have you ever received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine?			
• If yes, which vaccine product? <input type="checkbox"/> Pfizer <input type="checkbox"/> Moderna <input type="checkbox"/> Another product _____			
3. Have you ever had a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to something? For example, a reaction for which you were treated with epinephrine or EpiPen®, or for which you had to go to the hospital?			
• Was the severe allergic reaction after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?			
• Was the severe allergic reaction after receiving another vaccine or another injectable medication?			
4. Have you received passive antibody therapy (monoclonal antibodies or convalescent serum) as treatment for COVID-19?			
5. Have you received another vaccine in the last 14 days?			
6. Have you had a positive test for COVID-19 or has a doctor ever told you that you had COVID-19?			
7. Do you have a weakened immune system caused by something such as HIV infection or cancer or do you take immunosuppressive drugs or therapies?			
8. Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking a blood thinner?			
9. Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?			

Pre-Vaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines

Information for Healthcare Professionals



Clinical Consideration Questions

Responses to these questions are not (on their own) contraindications or precautions to vaccination. However, healthcare professionals should be prepared to discuss information and options with patients based on their responses to the following questions.

Have you received another vaccine in the last 14 days?

COVID-19 vaccine series should be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration with other vaccines. This recommendation is based on the lack of data on the safety and efficacy of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines administered simultaneously with other vaccines.

Have you had a positive test for COVID-19 or has a doctor ever told you that you had COVID-19?

Vaccination should be offered to persons regardless of history of prior symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection. Vaccination of persons with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation.

Persons with documented acute SARS-CoV-2 infection in the preceding 90 days may delay vaccination until near the end of this period, if desired, because current evidence suggests reinfection is uncommon during this time.

Viral testing to assess for acute SARS-CoV-2 infection or serologic testing to assess for prior infection solely for the purposes of vaccine decision-making is not recommended.

Do you have a weakened immune system caused by something such as HIV infection or cancer or do you take immunosuppressive drugs or therapies?

Persons with HIV infection or other immunocompromising conditions, or who take immunosuppressive medications or therapies might be at increased risk for severe COVID-19. mRNA COVID-19 vaccines may be administered to persons with underlying medical conditions who have no contraindications to vaccination. However, they should be counseled about the unknown vaccine safety profile and effectiveness in immunocompromised populations, as well as the potential for reduced immune responses and the need to continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves against COVID-19, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing hands frequently.

Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking a blood thinner?

COVID-19 vaccine may be given to these patients, if a physician familiar with the patient's bleeding risk determines that the vaccine can be administered intramuscularly with reasonable safety. ACIP recommends the following technique for intramuscular vaccination in patients with bleeding disorders or taking blood thinners: a fine-gauge needle (23-gauge or smaller caliber) should be used for the vaccination, followed by firm pressure on the site, without rubbing, for at least 2 minutes.

Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?

If pregnant people are part of a group that is recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., healthcare personnel), they may choose to be vaccinated. For pregnant people seeking guidance in making a decision, pregnant people and their healthcare providers should consider the level of COVID-19 community transmission, the patient's personal risk of contracting COVID-19, the risks of COVID-19 to the patient and potential risks to the fetus, the efficacy of the vaccine, the side effects of the vaccine, and the lack of data about the vaccine during pregnancy.

A lactating person who is part of a group recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., healthcare personnel) may choose to be vaccinated. There are no data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in lactating people or the effects of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines on the breastfed infant or milk production/excretion.

CDC Interim Considerations: Preparing for the Potential Management of Anaphylaxis at COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

Anaphylaxis clinical signs and symptoms:

- Respiratory: sensation of throat closing, stridor (high-pitched sound while breathing), shortness of breath, wheeze, cough
- Gastrointestinal: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Cardiovascular: dizziness, fainting, tachycardia (abnormally fast heart rate), hypotension (abnormally low blood pressure)
- Skin/mucosal: generalized hives, itching, or swelling of lips, face, throat

If a patient develops itching and swelling confined to the injection site, the patient should be observed closely for the development of generalized symptoms. If symptoms are generalized, epinephrine should be administered, and EMS should be sought.

Management of Anaphylaxis

1. Rapidly assess airway, breathing, circulation, and mentation (mental activity).
2. Call for emergency medical services.
3. Place the patient in a supine position (face up), with feet elevated, unless upper airway obstruction is present, or the patient is vomiting.
4. Epinephrine is the first-line treatment for anaphylaxis and should be administered ASAP
 - Adults: administer a 0.3 mg IM in the mid-outer thigh. (Auto injectors preferred)
 - Repeat every 5-15 minutes (or earlier) as needed to control symptoms while waiting for EMS
 - There are no contraindications to epinephrine administration during anaphylaxis
5. Antihistamines and bronchodilators are not first-line treatments for anaphylaxis but can help provide relief for hives and itching & respiratory distress. Only administer after epinephrine in a patient with anaphylaxis.
6. Report to VAERS

Medications and Supplies for Assessing and Managing Anaphylaxis

Should be available at all sites	Include at sites where feasible
Epinephrine prefilled syringe or autoinjector*	Pulse oximeter
H1 antihistamine (e.g., diphenhydramine)†	Oxygen
Blood pressure cuff	Bronchodilator (e.g., albuterol)
Stethoscope	H2 antihistamine (e.g., famotidine, cimetidine)
Timing device to assess pulse	Intravenous fluids
	Intubation kit
	Adult-sized pocket mask with one-way valve (also known as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mask)

*COVID-19 vaccination sites should have at least 3 doses of epinephrine on hand at any given time.

†Antihistamines may be given as adjunctive treatment and should not be used as initial or sole treatment for anaphylaxis.

Adverse Reactions (Side Effects)

Pfizer BioNTech

- Pain at injection site (84.1%)
- Fatigue (62.9%)
- Headache (55.1%)
- Muscle pain (38.3%)
- Chills (31.9%)
- Joint pain (23.6%)
- Fever (14.2%)
- Injection site swelling (10.5%)
- Injection site redness (9.5%)
- Nausea (1.1%)

Depending on vaccine product, age group, and vaccine dose:

- ~ 80–89% of vaccinated persons develop at least one local symptom
- ~55–83% develop at least one systemic symptom following vaccination.

Moderna

- Pain at injection site (92%)
- Fatigue (70%)
- Headache (64.7%)
- Muscle pain (61.5%)
- Chills (45.4%)
- Joint pain (46.4%)
- Fever (15.5%)
- Injection site swelling (14.7%)
- Injection site redness (10%)
- Nausea/Vomiting (23%)

Thawing Frozen Vaccine

Pfizer BioNTech

» Thawing Frozen Vaccine

- Vaccine may be thawed in the refrigerator or at room temperature.
- Refrigerator: Between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F)
 - 25 to 195 vials may take 2 to 3 hours to thaw in the refrigerator.
 - Fewer number of vials will take less time.
- Room temperature (up to 25°C [77°F]) between 30 minutes and 2 hours
- Vials at room temperature must be mixed within 2 hours or returned to the refrigerator.
- Do **NOT** refreeze thawed vaccine.











Moderna

» Thawing Frozen Vaccine

- Vaccine may be thawed in the refrigerator or at room temperature. Do **NOT** refreeze thawed vaccine.
- **Refrigerator:** Between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for 2 hours and 30 minutes
- **Room temperature:** Between 15°C and 25°C (59°F and 77°F) for 1 hour
- Vials that have not been punctured may be kept between 8°C and 25°C (46°F and 77°F) for up to 12 hours.








Pfizer BioNTech

» Prepare the Vaccine

Follow aseptic technique. Perform hand hygiene before vaccine preparation, between patients, when changing gloves (if worn), and any time hands become soiled.*	
Remove vaccine from the freezer or refrigerator. Allow vaccine to come to room temperature. Vials can be held at room temperature for up to 2 hours before mixing. After 2 hours, return unmixed vials to the refrigerator.	
Before mixing, check the expiration dates of the vaccine and diluent. NEVER use expired vaccine or diluent.	
With the vaccine at room temperature, gently invert vial 10 times. Do not shake the vial. If the vial is shaken, discard the vaccine. The vaccine is white to off-white in color and may contain opaque particles. Do not use if liquid is discolored.	
Using a new, sterile alcohol prep pad for each vial, wipe off the stoppers of the diluent and vaccine vials. Using a 21-gauge (or narrower) needle, withdraw 1.8 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline, preservative-free) into a mixing syringe. Discard diluent vial and any remaining diluent. Do NOT use bacteriostatic normal saline or other diluents to mix the vaccine.	
Inject 1.8 mL 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline, preservative-free) diluent into the vaccine vial.	
Using the mixing syringe, remove 1.8 mL of air from the vaccine vial to equalize the pressure in the vaccine vial.	
Gently invert the vial containing vaccine and diluent 10 times. The vaccine will be off-white in color. Do not use if discolored or contains particulate matter. Do not shake. If the vial is shaken, discard the vaccine.	
Note the date and time the vaccine was mixed on the vial.	
Keep mixed vaccine at room temperature (2°C to 25°C [36°F to 77°F]) and administer within 6 hours. Discard any unused vaccine after 6 hours. Do not return to refrigerator or freezer storage.	














Pfizer BioNTech

» Administer the Vaccine

<p>Assess recipient status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screen for contraindications and precautions.• Review vaccination history.	
<p>Ensure staff has the correct PPE before administering vaccines and implement policies for the use of face coverings for vaccine recipients older than 2 years of age (if tolerated).</p>	
<p>Choose the correct equipment, including the correct needle size. Use a new, sterile needle and syringe for each injection.</p>	
<p>Cleanse the stopper on the vial of mixed vaccine with a new, sterile alcohol prep pad. Withdraw 0.3 mL of mixed vaccine into the syringe. Ensure the prepared syringe is not cold to the touch.</p>	
<p>Remove any air bubbles with the needle still in the vial to avoid loss of vaccine. Use the same needle* to withdraw and administer the vaccine, unless contaminated or damaged.</p>	
<p>Administer the vaccine immediately by intramuscular (IM) injection in the deltoid muscle.</p>	
<p>Observe recipients after vaccination for an immediate adverse reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persons with a history of anaphylaxis: 30 minutes• All other persons: 15 minutes	

Moderna

» Prepare and Administer the Vaccine

<p>Assess recipient status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Screen for contraindications and precautions. ○ Review vaccination history. 		<p>Withdraw 0.5 mL of vaccine into the syringe.† Ensure the prepared syringe is not cold to the touch.</p>	
<p>Follow aseptic technique. Perform hand hygiene before vaccine preparation, between patients, when changing gloves (if worn), and any time hands become soiled.*</p>		<p>Note the date and time the vial was first punctured. Keep the vaccine between 2°C and 25°C (36°F and 77°F) for up to 6 hours. Discard any unused vaccine after 6 hours.</p>	
<p>Unpunctured vials: Check the expiration date. Never use expired vaccine.</p> <p>Punctured vials: Check the beyond-use time. Never use vaccine after the beyond-use time.</p>		<p>Bring the dose of vaccine from the designated preparation area immediately to the patient treatment area for administration.</p>	
<p>With the vial upright, gently swirl the vaccine. Do NOT shake. If the vial is shaken, contact the manufacturer.</p> <p>Note: Gently swirl the vaccine before withdrawing subsequent doses.</p>		<p>Ensure staff has the correct PPE before administering vaccines and implement policies for the use of face coverings for vaccine recipients older than 2 years of age (if tolerated).</p>	
<p>Examine the vaccine. It should be white to off-white in color and may contain white particles. Do not use if liquid contains other particulate matter or is discolored.</p>		<p>Administer the vaccine immediately by intramuscular (IM) injection in the deltoid muscle.</p>	
<p>Using a new, sterile alcohol prep pad, cleanse the stopper of the multidose vaccine vial.</p>		<p>Observe recipients after vaccination for an immediate adverse reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons with a history of anaphylaxis (due to any cause): 30 minutes ○ All other persons: 15 minutes 	
<p>Choose the correct equipment, including the correct needle size. Use a new, sterile needle and syringe for each injection.</p>			

**FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING VACCINE
(VACCINATION PROVIDERS)**

**EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF
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DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product, **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**, for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDERS

Vaccination providers enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program must report all vaccine administration errors, all serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults and children, and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. See "MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION" for reporting requirements.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is a suspension for intramuscular injection administered as a series of two doses (0.3 mL each) 3 weeks apart.

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DESCRIPTION OF COVID-19

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FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
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The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine and may prevent you from getting COVID-19. There is no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

Read this Fact Sheet for information about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions. It is your choice to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 3 weeks apart, into the muscle.

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**FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING
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Standing Orders

Consider using as a protocol in the Pharmacy

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine to Persons 16 Years of Age and Older



Note: For more information/guidance, please contact the immunization program at your state or local health department or the appropriate state body (e.g., state board of medical/nursing/pharmacy practice).

Purpose

- To reduce morbidity and mortality from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by vaccinating persons who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Policy

- Where authorized under state law, standing orders enable eligible nurses and other healthcare professionals (e.g., pharmacists) to assess and vaccinate persons who meet the criteria in the "Procedure" section below without the need for clinician examination or direct order from the attending provider at the time of the interaction.

Procedure

- Assess persons 16 years of age and older for vaccination with Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine based on the following criteria: No complete 2-dose COVID-19 vaccination history, regardless of brand. If 2 doses of a same-brand or mixed-brand series have been administered, no additional doses are recommended.
- If the recipient has received 1 previous dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, the second dose of the same brand should be administered.
- This vaccine is administered in a 2-dose series. Separate doses by at least 21 days.*
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine should not be administered at the same time with other vaccines. Separate Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine from other vaccines by 14 days before or after the administration of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine should be deferred for at least 90 days for persons who received passive antibody therapy as part of (monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma) as part of COVID-19 treatment.
- Screen for contraindications and precautions.
- Contraindications

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine.
- Precautions
- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine (not including Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine).
- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine that is injectable.
- Moderate to severe acute illness
- Provide Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers.
- Prepare to administer the vaccine.
- Choose the correct needle gauge, needle length, and injection site for persons:
 - 16 through 18 years of age: 1-inch needle, intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous
 - 19 years of age and older: See table below.

Sex and Weight of Patient	Needle Gauge	Needle Length	Injection Site†
Female or male fewer than 130 lbs	22–25	½"–1"	Deltoid muscle of arm
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Female 152–200 lbs	22–25	1–1½"	Deltoid muscle of arm
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Male 260+ lbs	22–25	1½"	Deltoid muscle of arm

* If the 2nd dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine was given as early as 17 days after the 1st dose, then do not repeat a 2nd dose.

† Alternatively, the anterolateral thigh also can be used.

‡ Some experts recommend a 5/8-inch needle for men and women who weigh less than 130 pounds. If used, skin must be stretched tightly (do not bunch).

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine to Persons 18 Years of Age and Older



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Procedure

- Assess persons 18 years of age and older for vaccination with Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine based on the following criteria:
 - No complete 2-dose COVID-19 vaccination history, regardless of brand. If 2 doses of a same-brand or mixed-brand series have been administered, no additional doses are recommended.
 - If the recipient has received 1 previous dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, a second dose of the same brand should be administered.
 - This vaccine is administered in a 2-dose series. Separate doses by at least 28 days.*
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should not be administered at the same time as other vaccines. Separate Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine from other vaccines by 14 days before or after the administration of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should be deferred for at least 90 days for persons who received passive antibody therapy (monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma) as part of COVID-19 treatment.
- Screen for contraindications and precautions.

Contraindication

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine for both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. For a list of vaccine components, see the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
- Precautions
- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any other vaccine or injectable therapy (e.g., intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous)
- Moderate to severe illness
- Provide all recipients with a copy of the current federal Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers.
- Prepare to administer the vaccine.
 - Choose the correct needle gauge, needle length, and injection site for persons:
 - 18 years of age: 1-inch needle is recommended.
 - 19 years of age and older: See table below.
- Follow the manufacturer's guidance for storing/handling punctured vaccine vials.

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Moderna's Work on a COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate

Time is of the essence to provide
a vaccine against this pandemic virus.

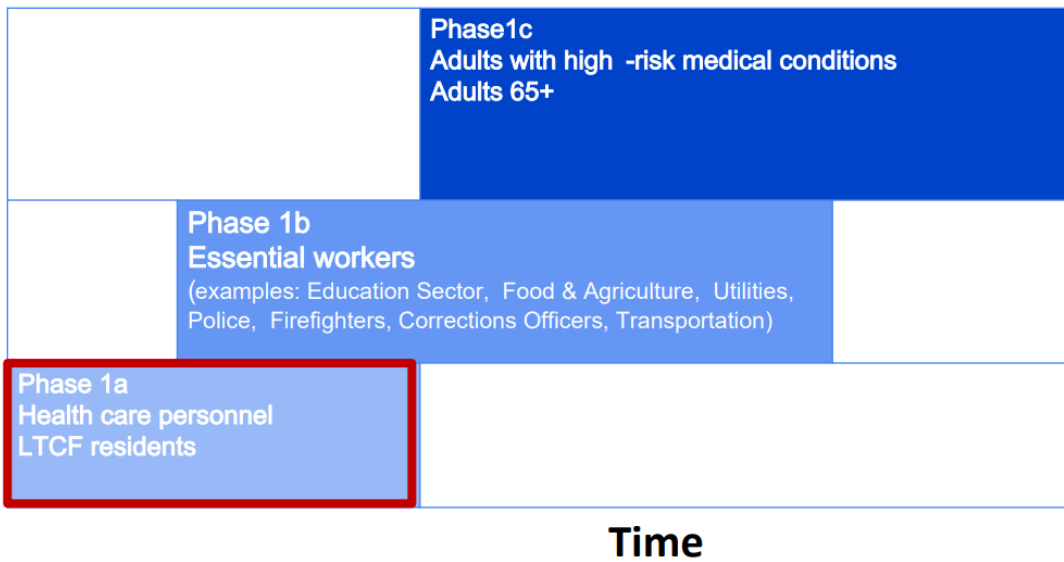
Moderna is proud to be among the many groups working to respond to this continuing global health emergency. This page summarizes key milestones in our work to advance mRNA-1273, our vaccine candidate against the novel coronavirus.

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CDC/ACIP VOTE ON 1b PRIORITY GROUPS

Work Group Proposed Interim Phase 1 Sequence



Summary

What is already known about this topic?

On December 1, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that health care personnel and long-term care facility residents be offered COVID-19 vaccination first (Phase 1a).

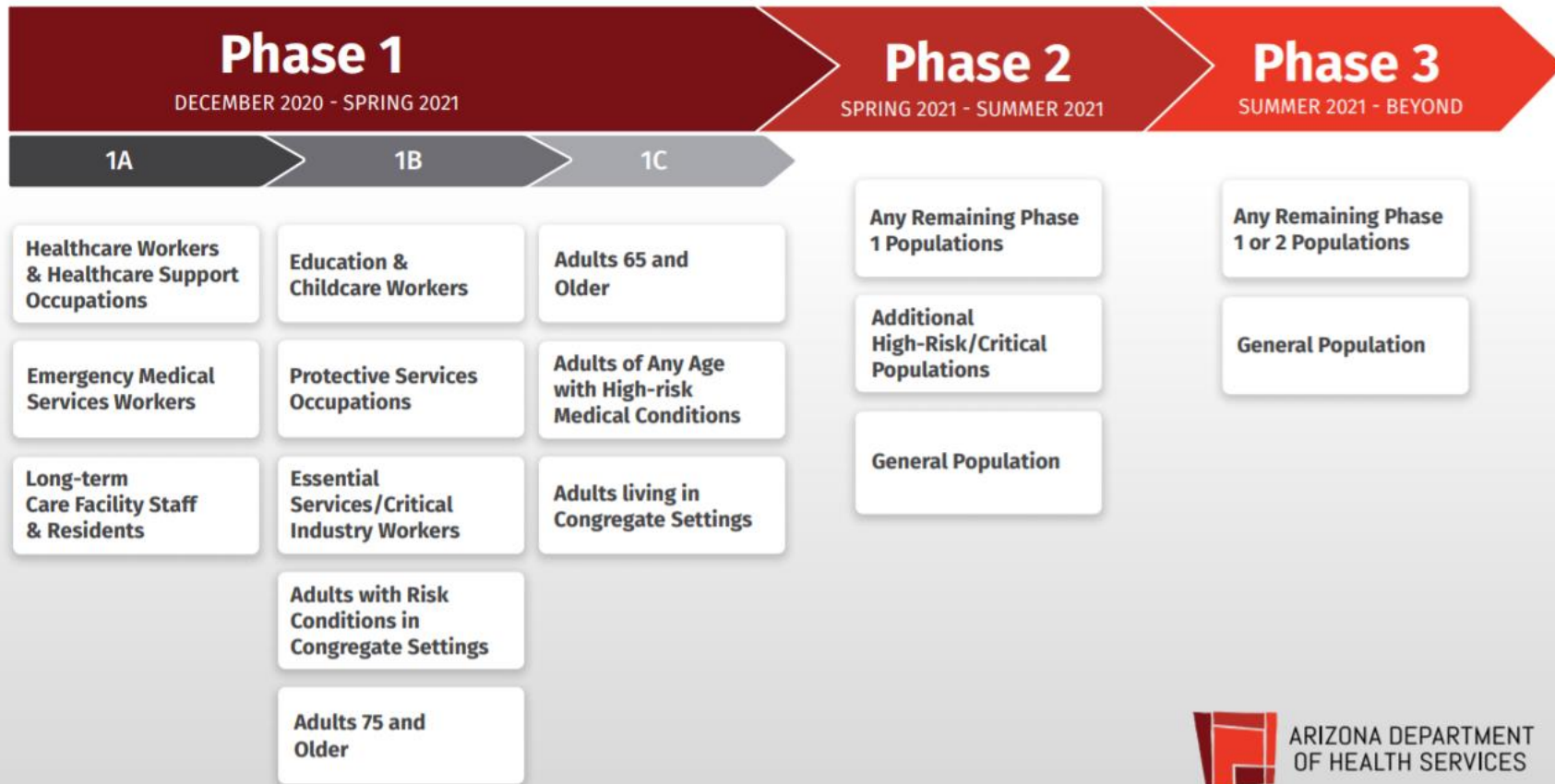
What is added by this report?

On December 20, ACIP updated interim vaccine allocation recommendations. In Phase 1b, COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to persons aged ≥ 75 years and non-health care frontline essential workers, and in Phase 1c, to persons aged 65–74 years, persons aged 16–64 years with high-risk medical conditions, and essential workers not included in Phase 1b.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Federal, state, and local jurisdictions should use this guidance for COVID-19 vaccination program planning and implementation.

Arizona COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization*



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MUST PRIORITIZE WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR PHASE 1A

- Because vaccine supply is limited, organizations will need to prioritize who will be vaccinated first.
- Additionally, consider reactogenicity of vaccine and not vaccinating a whole department at once as those immunized may need/want to stay home that day after immunization due to side-effects.

Refer to guidelines on next page

Proposed Vaccine HCW Side Effect Policy

Individuals who receive the COVID-19 vaccine and develop post-vaccine side effects consistent with COVID-19 vaccination can return to work without viral testing if:

- They feel well enough and are willing to work
- They are afebrile*
- Their side effects are limited to those associated with COVID-19 vaccination and not COVID-19 disease (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or change in smell or taste)

If an individual's COVID-19 vaccination side effects persist for more than 2 days, they should be excluded from work and viral testing should be considered.

**Individuals with fever measured as 38°C or 100.4°F or higher should be excluded from work and viral testing should be considered if the fever persists for more than 2 days. NOTE: For severe healthcare worker shortages, CDC allows staff to continue working with fever as long as other COVID-19 symptoms are absent.*

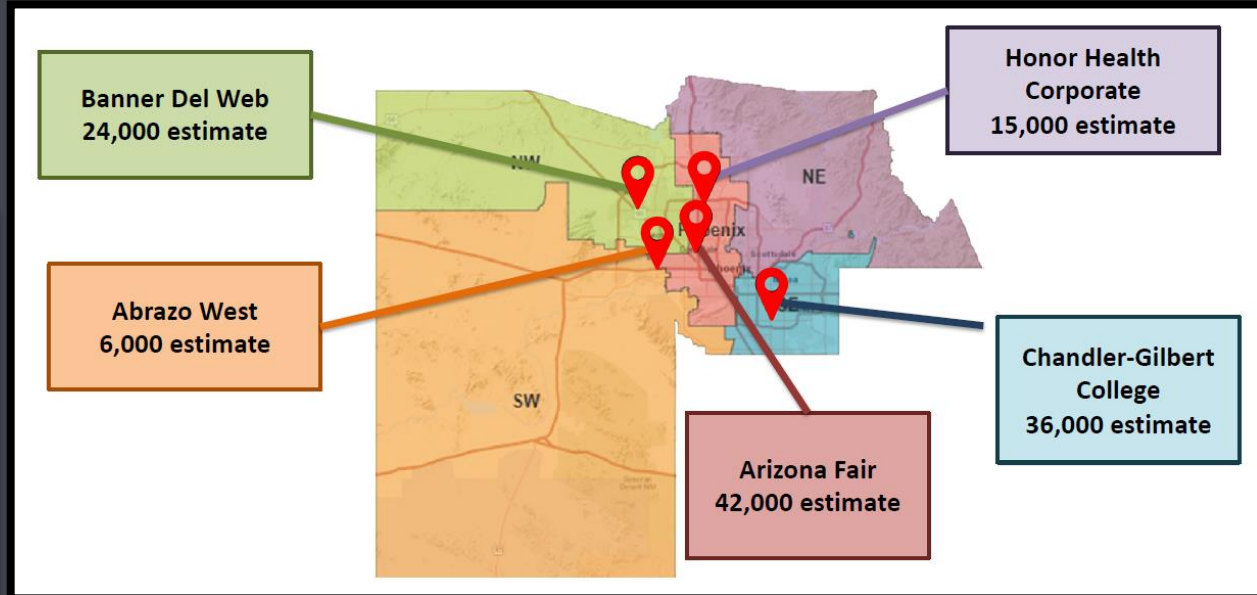
Arizona Vaccine Supply

- Arizona is projected to receive 383,750 COVID-19 doses throughout December 2020:
 - 212,550 Pfizer doses (began 12/14)
 - 171,200 Moderna doses (began 12/21)
- CDC's Pharmacy/LTC Program begins in AZ on December 27th
- Maricopa and Pima Counties will be using the Pfizer vaccine in mass clinics for health care workers.
- Several counties are waiting for Moderna vaccine to start their clinics, because of the storage and handling limitations with Pfizer.

Maricopa County-Phase 1a POD Sites

Maricopa County pre-screen survey for health care workers

- Thursday, December 17th
 - Banner Fairgrounds
 - Honor Corporate
- Monday December 21st
 - Banner Del Web
 - Abrazo West
 - Chandler Gilbert College



Pima County

- **To qualify for vaccines in Phase 1A you must meet the following criteria:**
 1. Do you work in a facility where direct in-person care is provided to patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 while contagious?
 2. In these settings, do you interact with patients indoors or in enclosed spaces for longer than 15 minutes at a time?
- If this does describe you, [check this list](#) to see if your agency/facility is already registered. If listed, Pima County has explained to your administrators the prioritization and registration process. Check with HR. [TMC](#) and [Banner](#) are distributing vaccines to health care workers throughout the community based on those assignments.

[Pima County Clinic Information](#)

Other Counties

- Due to the likelihood of there being a limited supply when vaccine first becomes available, there will be a phased approach to distribution.
- At this time, select Arizona counties have begun **Phase 1A of the COVID-19 vaccine prioritization**, which includes healthcare workers, emergency medical services workers, and long-term care faculty, staff, and residents.
- Counties and tribal partners may implement their own sub-prioritizing as needed for their jurisdiction.

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Phase 1B Essential Employer COVID-19 Vaccine Request Form

Please fill out this survey for consideration to receive COVID-19 vaccine when available. This form is intended for employers of Phase 1B essential workers* to attest that they meet the prioritization criteria and request a COVID-19 vaccine allocation for their workforce. In order to be considered for a vaccine allocation during Phase 1B when vaccine is available, employers are encouraged to share their vaccination plans including how many essential employees require vaccination.

Phase 1B will include essential workers defined in VAPAC recommended guidance (based on CISA and EO 2020-12 definitions), and groups will be sub-prioritized while vaccine supplies are limited to include risk of exposure and mission critical positions.

Please note that the sub-prioritization process will be based on vaccine availability, local allocation and risk assessment of each group. It is recommended that employers consider their continuity of operations plans while completing this form.

Upcoming Immunization Training/Refreshers

Immunization Certificate Program-January 9th, 2021:

- <https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/IMZJan21>
- Target Audience: Pharmacists and interns who wish to be certified to administer vaccines.

Immunization Administration Training Program-On Demand:

- <https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/TechIMZ>
- Target Audience: Technicians who will be vaccinating under the current HHS order. Also a great general refresher for pharmacists and students.

Immunization Refresher Course:

- <https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/IMZrefresher20>
- Target Audience: Refresher for pharmacists and students.

Pediatric Vaccine Refresher Course:

- <https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/PediatricVaccineRefresher>
- Target Audience: Refresher for pharmacists and students.