

This document provides information about Tennessee's planning and implementation efforts for COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- TDH launches new online scheduling tool for COVID-19 vaccination appointments
- Tennesseans aged 65 and older and those in Phase 1b are eligible for vaccination beginning Feb. 22
- TDH updates the state COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Feb. 16
- Tennessee reaches 1,000,000 COVID-19 vaccines administered and more than 10 percent of Tennesseans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine

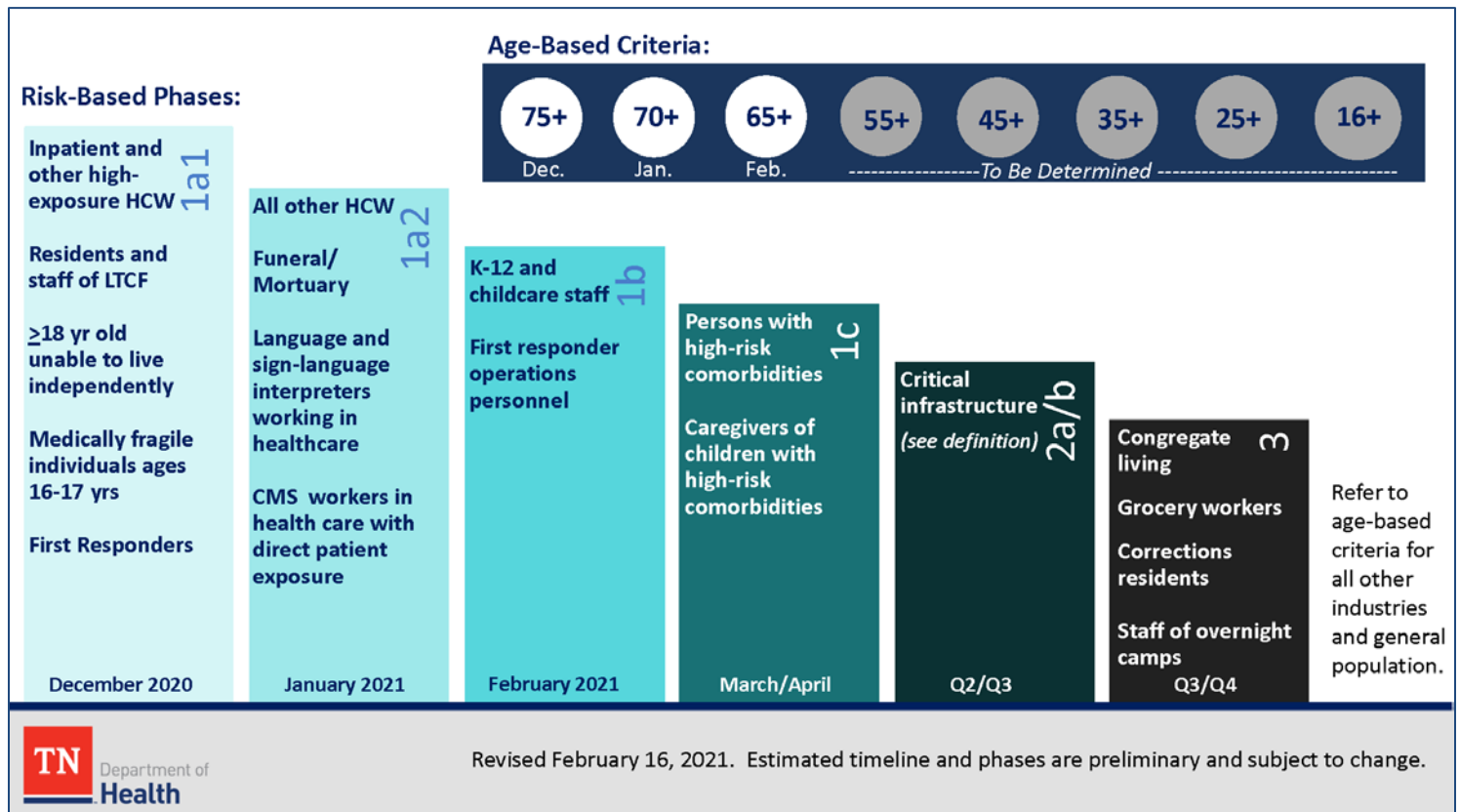
CURRENT EFFORTS

- TDH has launched a new online scheduling tool that allows users to book their appointment for COVID-19 vaccination at participating health department sites when they are eligible.
- Tennesseans can access the system at [Vaccinate.tn.gov](https://www.vaccinate.tn.gov), enter their demographic information and choose a date and time for their vaccination appointment.
- More than 344,500 Tennesseans over age 70 have received their first doses of COVID-19 vaccine. It is a top priority to protect Tennessee senior citizens, who are the most vulnerable to hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Tennesseans age 70 and older are urged to book their appointments now for this safe, free and highly effective vaccine that could save their lives.
- Tennesseans aged 65 and older and those in Phase 1b of the state's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination beginning Feb. 22. Phase 1b includes staff members of kindergarten through 12th grade schools and child care facilities and operations personnel of first responder agencies.
- Due to their independent operations and larger populations, Tennessee's metropolitan counties may have different instructions for registering for COVID-19 vaccination. Residents in these areas should check with local authorities about their plans.
- TDH updated the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Feb. 16. Pregnant women have been added to Phase 1c. Pregnant women are at increased risk for hospitalization and death due to COVID-19, and may choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1c along with others with high-risk health conditions.
- Medically fragile teenagers aged 16-17 have been added to Phase 1a1 of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and are now eligible for vaccination.
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 723,000 Tennesseans have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Almost 113,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week, despite extreme weather conditions that forced several county health departments to close and reschedule appointments.
- While dangerous winter weather conditions have delayed federal deliveries of COVID-19 vaccine, no doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been lost in Tennessee due to this week's winter weather.
- TDH expects further disruption in vaccination activities throughout this week due to weather, and is rescheduling vaccination appointments for those whose plans were delayed by weather-related closures.
- More than 1.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to about 475 Tennessee providers.
- More than 343,000 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The [Tennessee COVID-19 Long-Term Care Task Force](#) met Feb. 16.
- TDH holds a webinar for health care providers every Friday from noon – 1 p.m. Central time for providers to submit questions that are answered by the immunization program team. Learn more and register for the Feb. 19 webinar at www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html.

WHAT'S NEXT

- TDH is developing partnerships with the Tennessee Board of Regents for community-based vaccination sites as vaccine supplies become available.
- TDH anticipates emergency use authorization of additional COVID-19 vaccine products.

TENNESSEE ALLOCATION TIMELINE & PHASES



BACKGROUND

- The Tennessee Department of Health developed [Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) after review of the CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdictional Operations](#), the recommendations of the CDC's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's [Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](#), and in consultation with Tennessee's Unified Command Group and a stakeholder group of 30 partner organizations.
- The plan was updated Feb. 16, and is subject to change given private sector dynamics and decision-making at the federal level.
- Vaccine allocations are made to Tennessee's 95 counties based on population and distributed to facilities in the county that are prioritized to receive vaccines for administration. Vaccines for second doses are automatically shipped to facilities that received vaccines to administer as first doses.
- Vaccine supplies remain limited, and availability varies by county. Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 vaccination phases at different times depending on supplies of vaccines. Tennesseans can learn what phase(s) their county is vaccinating at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>.
- The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority, and the U.S. vaccine safety system ensures all vaccines are as safe as possible. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html.



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RESOURCES

Find your Phase and request COVID-19 vaccination: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>

Information on community pharmacies providing COVID-19 vaccinations: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-community-pharmacy-vaccination-locations/>.

Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard:
www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Vaccine.pdf

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for pregnant women: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html

Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability information for older adults about COVID-19 vaccination:
www.tn.gov/aging/vaccines.html

AARP guide for getting your COVID-19 vaccination: <https://states.aarp.org/tennessee/covid-19-vaccine-distribution>

Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies transportation assistance:
<https://tnhra.org/services/transportation/>

FAQs on Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan: www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccine_FAQ.pdf

COVID-19 Fact vs. Fiction Videos: <https://covid19.tn.gov/stay-informed/explainer-videos/>

Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan: www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>