

DBP DR.'S DESK – COVID-19 VACCINATION

Dr. Kevin Aister M.D. – DBP Medical Director

UPDATE
Week of 1/4/2021

Healthcare personnel and LTC resident
COVID-19 vaccinations are ongoing.



CDC recommends giving COVID-19 vaccine in phases:

- **1A:** Healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents
- **Pre-screening to receive COVID-19 vaccine, when available, is now open for healthcare personnel eligible in Phase 1A.**
 - There is no pre-screen or sign-up available for phases beyond 1A at this time. More information about vaccine eligibility and the vaccine distribution process for populations prioritized in Phases 1B and 1C will be shared as soon as it becomes available.
 - Please visit your local county COVID19 page for more information on future sign ups and to sign up for alerts.
- **1B:** Frontline essential workers, K-12 education and People aged 75 years and older
 - **For Arizona employers qualifying as Phase 1B essential workforce:** The link below 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 essential workers will be sub-prioritized according to risk of exposure and mission critical positions as vaccine supplies are limited.
 - 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.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemDRU6FqOAp96LVUAfH7WGUJRiyEZcCpfGtROql4JjTPGaXQ/viewform>
- **1C:**
 - People aged 65—74 years because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19.
 - People aged 65—74 years who are also residents of long-term care facilities should be offered vaccination in Phase 1A.
 - People aged 16—64 years with underlying medical conditions which increase the risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19. Underlying medical conditions:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
 - Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
 - Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Smoking
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus
 - Other essential workers, such as people who work in transportation and logistics, food service, housing construction and finance, information technology, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, and public health.

Sources:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5641/COVID-19-Vaccine>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>



ANNIVERSARY
1970 - 2020

