

Virginia Health Department COVID Vaccine Phases

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Virginia's Phase 1a: Vaccinate Healthcare Personnel and Residents of Long Term Care Facilities

Definition of Healthcare Personnel (HCP)

HCP include:

- Behavioral health providers
- Community health workers
- Dental assistants, hygienists, dentists
- EMT/first responders serving as EMT extenders
- Environmental services staff
- Healthcare trainees
- Home health workers
- Human service providers
- Infection control and quality assurance personnel
- Laboratorians
- Mortuary service providers (e.g. morticians/funeral home staff)
- Nurses, nursing assistants
- Optometrists
- Personal care aides
- Pharmacists, pharmacy techs and staff
- Physicians, physician assistants
- Public-facing public health workers
- Radiological techs (and other diagnostic/therapeutic techs
- Respiratory, physical, speech and occupational techs
- Social workers
- Primary caregivers for persons with severe chronic medical conditions or with intellectual or developmental disabilities requiring a high level of daily care

Virginia's Phase 1b: Vaccinate Frontline Essential Workers, People Aged 65 years and Older, People aged 16 through 64 years with a High Risk Medical Condition or Disability that Increases Their Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19, and People Living in Correctional Facilities, Homeless Shelters and Migrant Labor Camps

Frontline Essential Workers

Definition of Frontline Essential Workers and Order of Vaccination Planning

Frontline Essential Workers include the following occupational groups that are in sectors essential to the functioning of society, at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and cannot work remotely. If there is not sufficient supply to vaccinate everyone in Phase 1b at the same time, local health districts should vaccinate the Frontline Essential Worker groups in the following order:

1. Police, Fire, and Hazmat
2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
3. Childcare/PreK-12 Teachers/Staff (public and private)
4. Food and Agriculture (including veterinarians)
5. Manufacturing
6. Grocery store workers
7. Public transit workers
8. Mail carriers (USPS and private)
9. Officials needed to maintain continuity of government (including judges and public facing judicial workers)
10. Clergy/Faith Leaders
11. Janitorial/Cleaning

Virginia's Phase 1c: Vaccinate Other Essential Workers

Other Essential Workers

Definition of Other Essential Workers

In Phase 1b, frontline essential workers were included. Vaccination will be allocated to additional essential workers in Phase 1c. These workers are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and/or are at higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Other Essential Workers include the following:

- Energy
- Water, wastewater, and waste removal workers (includes recycling removal workers)
- Housing and Construction
- Food Service
- Transportation and Logistics
- Institutions of Higher Education Faculty/Staff
- Finance
- Information Technology & Communication
- Media
- Legal Services
- Public Safety (engineers)
- Other Public Health Workers
- Barbers, Stylists, Hairdressers