

# WASHINGTON'S COVID-19 VACCINE PHASES

Phase 1 Estimated Start Dates (Tiers A and B)

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WINTER

SPRING / SUMMER

SUMMER / FALL



- High-risk healthcare workers in health care settings
- High-risk first responders
- Long-term care facility residents
- All other workers at risk in health care settings



- All people **65 years or older**
- All people **50 years or older** in multigenerational households (home where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild)



- High-risk critical workers **50 years or older** who work in certain congregate settings: Agriculture; food processing; grocery stores; K-12 (educators & staff); childcare; corrections; prisons, jails or detention centers; public transit; fire; law enforcement



- People **16 years or older** with 2 or more co-morbidities or underlying conditions



- High-risk critical workers **under 50 years** who work in certain congregate settings (as noted in B2)
- People, staff, and volunteers in congregate living settings: Correctional facilities; group homes for people with disabilities; people experiencing homelessness that live in or access services in congregate settings



- Information on who is eligible for Phases 2, 3 & 4 coming soon.

**FOCUS ON EQUITY:** This approach prioritizes population groups that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 due to external social factors and systemic inequities.

The timelines represented here are estimates and subject to change.

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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

## CO-MORBIDITIES

Morbidity is a medical term that means illness or disease. Co-morbidities means more than one illness or disease occurring in one person at the same time. Phase 1 – Tier 3 includes people with 2 more comorbidities or underlying conditions that put them at increased risk for severe illness if infected with COVID. This list of these conditions can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

## CONGREGATE SETTING

An environment where individuals work and/or reside in an enclosed space and where they are interacting with a high volume of people over an extended period of time and not able to consistently maintain physical distance.

## CRITICAL WORKERS

Individuals working in an industry that maintains critical infrastructure for social and economic systems in our state. (See reverse side for detailed list.)

## HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING

Workers who are at higher risk of COVID-19 infection because they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Administer COVID-19 testing or handle COVID-19 specimens
- Administer COVID-19 vaccine or have patient contact in a COVID-19 vaccination site.
- Work at a community-based, congregate living facility (for example, long-term care facility, adult family home or residential care community) where people over 65 years old receive care, supervision or assistance.
- A professional care provider to someone who is at higher risk of severe outcomes if infected with COVID-19 (for example, home health aide, dialysis provider, or cancer treatment provider).

## HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING (CON'T)

- Worker (for example, healthcare provider, security, environmental management) in a setting that provides direct care for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- First responder (for example, EMS, police or firefighter) in settings where direct care is provided to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- Worker at high risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19 because of exposure to the general public.

## LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY

For the purposes of the vaccine allocation guidance, long-term care facilities are defined as community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance and are unable to reside independently in the community.

## MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD

Household where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild. Does **not** include a parent or guardian caring for a child or teen.

## WORKERS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Includes the full spectrum of workers at health agencies including all types of staff (e.g., contracted, part-time, unpaid/volunteer) and the spectrum of staff who provide services (e.g., ambulatory, direct patient care, support services).

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