

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

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennessee ahead of national goal for COVID-19 vaccine doses administered
- More than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccines delivered to Tennessee providers
- More than 287,000 Tennesseans fully vaccinated
- Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination increases vaccine access in Tennessee

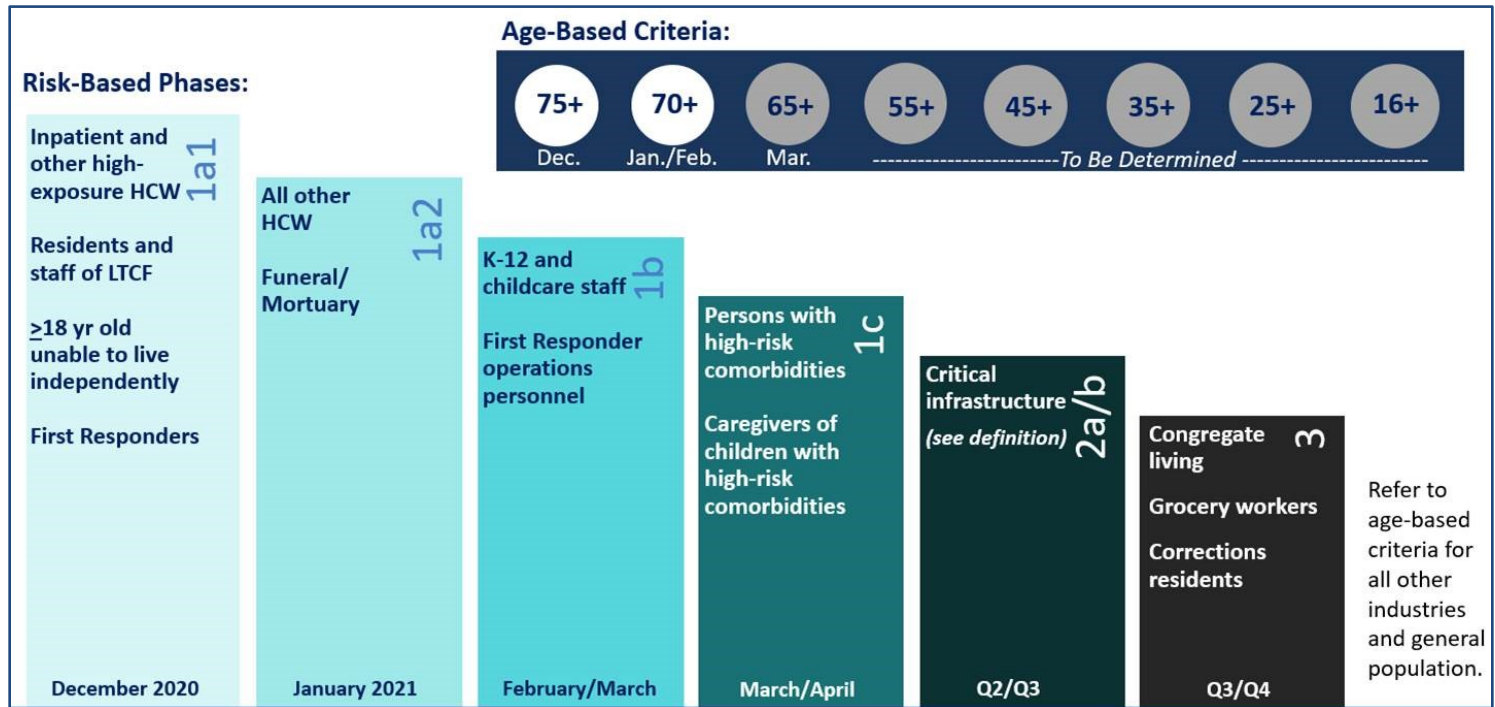
CURRENT EFFORTS

- Tennessee has administered more than 79 percent of COVID-19 vaccines received in the state. This is better than the national goal of 75 percent.
- More than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to Tennessee providers.
- More than 287,000 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Tennessee is among the top ten states for number of residents per 100,000 that have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- This week's state allocation of COVID-19 vaccines is approximately 101,000 doses. Tennessee's allocations are expected to be level through the remainder of February.
- Tennessee will see expanding access to COVID-19 vaccination with the launch of the new Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination. This program will launch in Tennessee February 12, with select pharmacies offering vaccinations in accordance with the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.
- With the addition of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, Tennessee will have more than 400 sites providing COVID-19 vaccinations, including hospitals, pharmacies, community health centers and all 95 county health departments.
- TDH is urging Tennesseans ages 70 and older to register to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, as only about one in three Tennesseans in this group has been vaccinated to date. Tennesseans aged 70 and up may register for an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination through their county health department at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/county-vaccine-information/>. Information on community pharmacies providing COVID-19 vaccinations is available at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-community-pharmacy-vaccination-locations/>.
- 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.
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, nearly 625,000 Tennesseans have received their first dose of COVID -19 vaccine. Almost 169,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- 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. 12 webinar at www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html.

WHAT'S NEXT

- TDH is implementing improvements in the online registration process for COVID-19 vaccination through county health departments.
- TDH is developing partnerships with the Tennessee Board of Regents for community-based vaccination events as vaccine supplies become available.

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 Jan. 22, 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.

RESOURCES

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

Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard:

www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Vaccine.pdf



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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>