Vaccine Update

January 2021
Topics for discussion

Who can get vaccinated when (estimated) in NJ?

Where can you get vaccinated in NJ?

How can you get vaccinated?

Stakeholder and public engagement

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Strategic aims of New Jersey’s COVID-19 vaccination program
(from New Jersey’s vaccination plan Executive Summary)

Provide equitable access to all who live, work, and/or are educated in New Jersey

Achieve community protection, assuming vaccine effectiveness, availability, and uptake

Build sustainable trust in COVID-19 and other vaccines
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- Ensure safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccines
- Ensure equity in vaccine allocation and distribution

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Source: ACIP COVID19 Vaccines Work Group – Kathleen Drooling 12/20/2020
Total Essential Workers* (~87M)

Frontline Essential Workers (~30M)

- First Responders (Firefighters, Police)
- Education (teachers, support staff, daycare)
- Food & Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Corrections Workers
- U.S. Postal Service Workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

Other Essential Workers (~57M)

- Transportation and logistics
- Food service
- Shelter & Housing (construction)
- Finance
- IT & Communication
- Energy Media
- Legal
- Public Safety (Engineers)
- Water & Wastewater

Frontline Essential Worker: workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2


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### Preliminary Draft Recommendations of the NJDOH COVID-19 Professional Advisory Committee

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| **Healthcare Personnel** = Paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials | **Frontline Essential Workers** =  
- Agriculture, food production, food distribution (e.g. grocery and restaurant workers)  
- Childcare, child support, and early childhood education  
- Clergy  
- Elder care and support  
- K–12 education (teachers, staff, administrators, etc.)  
- Medical supplies manufacturing and distribution  
- Postal and shipping services  
- Public and other local transportation (e.g. taxis, NJTransit, rideshare, airport, MVC)  
- Public safety (e.g. first responders)  
- Social services support staff (e.g. food pantries, shelter staff) | **Other Essential Workers** =  
- Building, home services (e.g. plumbers, contractors, and electricians), and real estate  
- Communications systems, media, and press  
- Higher education  
- IT communications providing direct customer service (e.g. servicing internet in homes)  
- Judicial system  
- Laundry services  
- Retail financial services (e.g. banks for check cashing)  
- Sanitation  
- Utilities  
- Warehousing and logistics |
| **Long-term Care Residents** = Adults who reside in facilities that provide a range of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently | **High-risk populations** including:  
- Persons aged 75 and older  
- Members of tribal communities  
- Persons experiencing homelessness  
- Persons living in shelters | **Other high-risk populations** including:  
- Persons aged 65–75  
- Members of multi-generational households (3+ generations) |

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**Who can get a vaccine in New Jersey and when?**

**Phase 1A**
- Healthcare workers
- Long-Term Care residents

**Phase 1B**
Currently vaccination open to:
Sworn law enforcement and Fire professionals

**Phase 1C**
(Final definitions in progress)

**Phase 2**
- General Population

New Jersey’s current phase as of Dec 31 2020

**Now**

**Spring 2021**

Informed by CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook (Sept. 16, 2020), CDC MMWR, ACIP Prioritization work group considerations

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Stakeholder and public engagement
Initial Points of Dispensing sites for COVID-19 vaccination

- Mega sites
- Acute care hospitals
- CVS / Walgreens / Others for Federally supported long-term care facilities program
- Chain pharmacies
- Urgent care centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Local Health Departments

All PODS will need to be equipped to do the following, among others:

- Register
- Vaccinate
- Bill
- Ensure vaccine stewardship and cold chain management
- Report

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Vaccines are currently available for healthcare workers and other select groups

- Hospital workers and volunteers
- Long-term care workers, volunteers, and residents
- All other healthcare workers and volunteers

Where can I get a vaccine if I am a healthcare worker?

- **Hospital** where I work or volunteer
- **Long-term care facility** where I live, work or volunteer

Points of dispensing at:
- Pharmacies
- Urgent care centers
- Other medical clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospitals
- Local Health Departments
- Other state and county-run sites

For more information please visit our website.
What is considered a healthcare setting?

- Hospitals of any type
- Long-term care facilities, for example:
  - Skilled nursing facilities
  - Veteran’s homes
  - Assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, and personal care homes
  - HUD Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program housing
  - **Group homes like residential care homes, residential dementia care homes, comprehensive care homes, adult family homes, adult foster homes, and intellectual and developmental disabilities IDD group homes**
  - Other vulnerable, congregate, long-term settings
- Other settings or contexts, for example:
  - Ambulatory care facilities
  - Community health centers
  - Dental and other physician offices
  - Dialysis centers
  - Emergency Medical Services
  - Family planning centers
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
  - Funeral homes, cemeteries, crematoria
  - Harm reduction centers
  - Health clinics in workplaces, K-12 schools, universities, shelters, jails
  - HIV/Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics
  - Home care or visiting nurse agencies

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List of vaccination sites that have been set up in NJ

There are ~250 sites, of which 150+ are “open” currently to health care workers and other eligible populations.

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Stakeholder and public engagement
The State is supporting multiple pathways to ensure consumers are able to register for vaccines

### How consumers are reached

1. Through public awareness campaign
2. Through communication from an organization / employer
3. Via a walk-up site or PODS¹
4. Through by a door-to-door community health workers

### How consumers register

- Self-registers on:
  - Website
  - Call center
  - Walk-up sites
  - PODS¹
- Door-to-door vaccine community health workers

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¹ PODS: Point Of Dispensing Sites

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Vaccine recipient journey at a standard COVID-19 vaccination site

- **Registration and education**
  - **Vaccine recipient** registers via state website, call center, walk-up site or door-to-door program
  - **Vaccine recipient** schedules appointment or walks in (including scheduling second dose)
  - **NJIS** provides link to education on the COVID-19 vaccine in multiple languages
  - **DOH-developed registration platform(s)** conducts eligibility screening (medical and prioritization)

- **Check-in and consent**
  - **Registration staff** checks in recipient and inputs consumer related data
  - **Registration staff / patient navigator** provides education on the COVID-19 EUA factsheet (in multiple languages) again
  - **Vaccine recipient** fills in “postcard” reminder (TBD)
  - **Vaccinator / medical screener** conducts medical screening as required

- **Vaccination**
  - **Vaccinator** prepares vaccine doses
  - **Vaccinator** administers vaccine
  - **Vaccinator** inputs vaccine related data

- **Observation and Follow-up**
  - **Vaccinator** observes for 15 minutes post administration
  - **Observation staff** hands consumer COVID vaccination record card
  - **Observation staff** provides safety information and details for adverse event reporting and scheduling second dose appointment
  - **DOH-developed registration platform(s)** sends second dose reminder (e.g., call back from call center, reminder from state online registration system)
COVID-19 vaccinations are available free of cost to the vaccine recipient

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<sup>1</sup> From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Answers to National Governors Association Questions on Vaccine Distribution and Planning

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For vaccination uptake, building public confidence is key.

4000+ Stakeholders engaged across federal, state and local leaders; healthcare providers and professional associations, community and faith based organizations employers and unions, consumer groups

Provider survey analyzed, and consumer confidence surveys launched using existing call centers. Provider survey call volumes to help desk also monitored

~17 Listening Sessions hosted to understand attitudes towards vaccines across consumer and provider groups

Multi-pronged public awareness campaign launched

Vaccine webpage updated consistently as new CDC and other information and guidance becomes available

Weekly newsletter: “Vax Matters” launched (maiden Dec. 4th, 2020) to keep stakeholders abreast with the latest vaccine related developments
Please use link to subscribe for Vax Matters newsletter!

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What do we need from you?

- Seek knowledge and be informed
- Reach out if you have questions
- Participate in setting up vaccination sites
- Work with us to build public confidence
- Engage with your members
- Stay safe, stay healthy, …
…and get vaccinated!
Next steps – *to discuss*