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# Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization and Eligibility Criteria

Due to the limited number of initial COVID-19 vaccine doses allocated to Nevada and considering the need to protect the functioning of Nevada's critical infrastructure and the safety of workers and vulnerable populations, it will be necessary to prioritize vaccine eligibility among and within the identified tiered groups.

Review <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> about Nevada's COVID-19 vaccine response and keep up with new information online at: <u>https://www.immunizenevada.org/nv-covid-fighter</u>

# **General Information**

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has been planning and working diligently to prepare Nevada for the COVID-19 vaccine and continues to update the plans as more information is received from the federal government and additional doses are received in the states.

Information on the COVID-19 vaccine and planning can be found on the Nevada State Immunization program website here: <u>http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID\_Vaccine/</u>

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine for either yourself or your workforce, please complete the form here: <u>Nevada COVID 19 Vaccine Interest Form</u>. Once the form is submitted the collected information will be shared with the appropriate county jurisdiction.

If you are interested in stocking and administering the COVID-19 vaccine and are enrolled in NV WebIZ and you have a stand-alone freezer and a stand-alone refrigerator with digital temperature monitoring devices for vaccine storage please complete the survey <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VLNBGB</u>.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 provider enrollment, email <u>DPBHCOVID19VAX@health.nv.gov</u> or call 775-684-5900.

## Considerations for all eligible populations in Tiers 1 and 2

Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Group on Immunization Practices (ACIP) <u>recommendations</u>, which specify prioritization within occupation groups should be based on the risk of acquiring infection and the risk of transmitting infection to others, the key determining factor to determine initial tiered vaccination eligibility is <u>if performing the employee's position requires</u> <u>unavoidable</u>, close and prolonged contact with others.

Therefore, within each eligible tiered occupation group, an individual whose position can work remotely or socially distancing is possible while performing work duties is not recommended to receive the COVID-19 vaccination in the initial tiered rollouts (i.e., Tiers 1 and 2). Other priority groups are based on age, underlying health status, or residence in a congregate living setting.

Mere employment within a tiered occupation category does NOT automatically make an individual eligible for initial vaccination (when there is limited supply). It is the responsibility of each organization to evaluate each employee's position or each job title, using the exclusion criteria above, to determine tiered

vaccination eligibility. The goal of these evaluations is to prioritize true **frontline** employees within an organization whose job cannot be made remote or accommodate social distancing and to conserve limited vaccine allocations for individuals facing higher risk, by positioning employees facing lower risk on subsequent tiers.

Additional information regarding the ACIP recommendations can be found at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6947e3.htm.</u>

| Recommended to receive early vaccination in tiered priority group  | NOT recommended to receive early vaccination in<br>tiered priority group   |
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| <ul> <li>Those who have direct patient or consumer contact.</li> <li>Those who work in teams in close quarters.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Those who can perform their duties<br/>remotely and/or do not have direct or<br/>indirect contact with patients/consumers<br/>or other team members.</li> </ul> |

### **Clark County General Information**

You can sign up to receive information on vaccination availability for your Tier here: <u>https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-vaccine-facility-form/</u>

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For updated information please visit: <u>http://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/</u>

#### Washoe County General Information

For updated information please visit: <u>https://www.washoecounty.us/health/programs-and-</u> services/ephp/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/educational-materials/COVID-19-vaccine.php

You can sign up to receive information on vaccination availability for your Tier here: <u>https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/COVIDVaccinations</u>

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If you have questions, please email covidvaccine@washoecounty.us

#### **Rural and Frontier Counties General Information**

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is responsible for COVID-19 vaccinations in Nevada's rural and frontier counties and they are supporting vaccinations for Behavioral Health providers.

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