



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE



## PRIORITY GROUPS

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

### 1A

### 1B

### 1C

#### TIER 1



- **Hospital Personnel**  
(Vaccine Delivered Directly to Hospitals)
- **Nursing Homes** (Staff & Residents) \*
- **Developmental Disability Administration Group Homes** \*
- **Assisted Living Facilities** \*
- **Residential Rehabilitation Programs** \*

Hospital systems are responsible for vaccine administration to hospital-based healthcare workers. The CDC's Pharmacy Partnership is coordinating the distribution and administration of vaccination in congregant living facilities.

\* vaccinated through a partnership with CVS/Walgreens

#### TIER 2



- **EMS**
- **Vaccinators**  
(Local Health Department, School Nurse, etc.)
- **Testing Sites** (Testers/Onsite Registration)
- **Public Health** (COVID-19 Response)
- **Urgent Care**
- **Primary Care**

Populations with frequent exposure to individuals with known COVID-19 and/or providing services essential to the maintenance of public health and healthcare systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes populations unable to work from home and unable to control social distancing.

#### TIER 3



- **Dental Practices**
- **Pharmacists**
- **Detention Center Staff**
- **Homeless Shelter Staff**
- **Law Enforcement** (Patrol/Public-facing)
- **Fire Rescue**
- **9-1-1 Dispatchers**
- **Behavioral Health Professionals**  
(Non-Telehealth - e.g. Residential/Recovery)
- **School Nurses** (Non-vaccine/Non-testers)
- **Lab Workers**
- **Morticians/Funeral Home Staff**
- **Surgical Centers**
- **Other Health Care Professionals**  
(e.g. Outpatient Specialties, Optometrists, Physical Therapists, Podiatrists, Community Health Workers, In-home Nursing Staff)
- **Other Providers Licensed By Maryland Department of Health**

Populations with risk of exposure to individuals with suspected COVID-19 and/or providing services essential to the maintenance of public health and health care systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes populations may be unable to work from home and unable to control social distancing.

#### TIER 1



- **Adults 75 Years or Older**

#### TIER 2



- **Public Transit Workers**  
(e.g. Transport for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities)
- **Education Sector**  
(Teachers & Support Staff)
- **Child Care Workers**
- **Food & Agricultural Workers**
- **Postal Service Workers**
- **Grocery Store Workers**
- **Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**
- **Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**
- **Individuals in Detainee Centers**

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#### TIER 3



- **Manufacturing Workers**
- Front-line essential workers hold critical jobs essential to the functioning of society and have potential occupational exposure to individuals with COVID-19. A subset of frontline essential workers has the highest risk for potential exposure as they are unable to work from home and may be unable to control social distancing.

#### What is the County Responsible For?

Maryland Department of Health is responsible for providing vaccines for hospitals and long-term care facilities, including nursing homes.

Montgomery County Department Health and Human Services (MCDHHS) is responsible for vaccinating first responders and some healthcare workers who are not affiliated with hospitals/health systems and long-term care facilities. MCDHHS received 100 doses of Moderna vaccine the week of December 20, received an additional 4,200 doses the week of December 27, and 8,600 doses the week of January 5. MCDHHS began vaccinating public health vaccinators, COVID-19 testing staff, and clinical services staff on December 23. MCDHHS is prepared to respond to anaphylaxis/severe allergic reactions after the COVID-19 vaccination if needed and is pre-screening individuals to determine if there are any contraindications or precautions.



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#### TIER 1



- **Adults 65-74 Years Old**

#### TIER 2



- **Adults 16-64 Years Old With Medical Conditions**  
(Risk for Severe COVID-19)

High-risk Medical Conditions Include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Cancer</b></li> <li>□ <b>Chronic Kidney Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Heart Conditions</b></li> <li>□ <b>Immunocompromised State</b></li> <li>□ <b>Obesity/Severe Obesity</b></li> <li>□ <b>Pregnancy</b></li> <li>□ <b>Sickle Cell Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Smoking</b></li> <li>□ <b>Type 2, Type 1 Diabetes</b></li> <li>□ <b>Asthma</b> (Moderate-Severe)</li> <li>□ <b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Cystic Fibrosis</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Hypertension or High Blood Pressure</b></li> <li>□ <b>Immunocompromised Conditions</b> (From Blood or Bone Marrow Transplant, Immune Deficiencies, HIV, Prolonged Use of Corticosteroids or Other Immunosuppressive Medication)</li> <li>□ <b>Dementia, ALS, Other Neurologic Issues</b></li> <li>□ <b>Liver Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Pulmonary Disease</b></li> <li>□ <b>Thalassemia</b></li> </ul> |
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Populations with high-risk medical conditions have a significantly increased risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Nearly 90 percent of persons hospitalized for COVID-19 have an underlying medical condition.

#### TIER 3



- **Essential Workers Not Previously in 1A or 1B**
- **Food Service**
- **Finance** (e.g. Banks)
- **Shelter & Housing** (e.g. Construction)
- **IT & Communications**
- **Energy**
- **Legal** (State's Attorneys, Public Defenders, Judiciary)
- **Media**
- **Public Safety** (e.g. Engineers)
- **Public Health Workers** (Non-COVID-19 Response)
- **Social & Human Services**  
(Aging, DSS, Human Services) – Field/In-Home Services
- **Transportation & Logistics Workers**
- **Water & Wastewater Workers**
- **Continuity of Government** (Elected Officials)

Other attributes that put people at significantly higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness include living and working in congregate settings, experiencing homelessness, living in an area with a high rate of transmission, and working in an industry with a high rate of transmission.