

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

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennessee among top states for completing second vaccine doses
- Tennessee is ahead of national average in vaccination of minority populations
- UCG members tour Nashville mass vaccination site
- More than 1.3 million Tennesseans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine

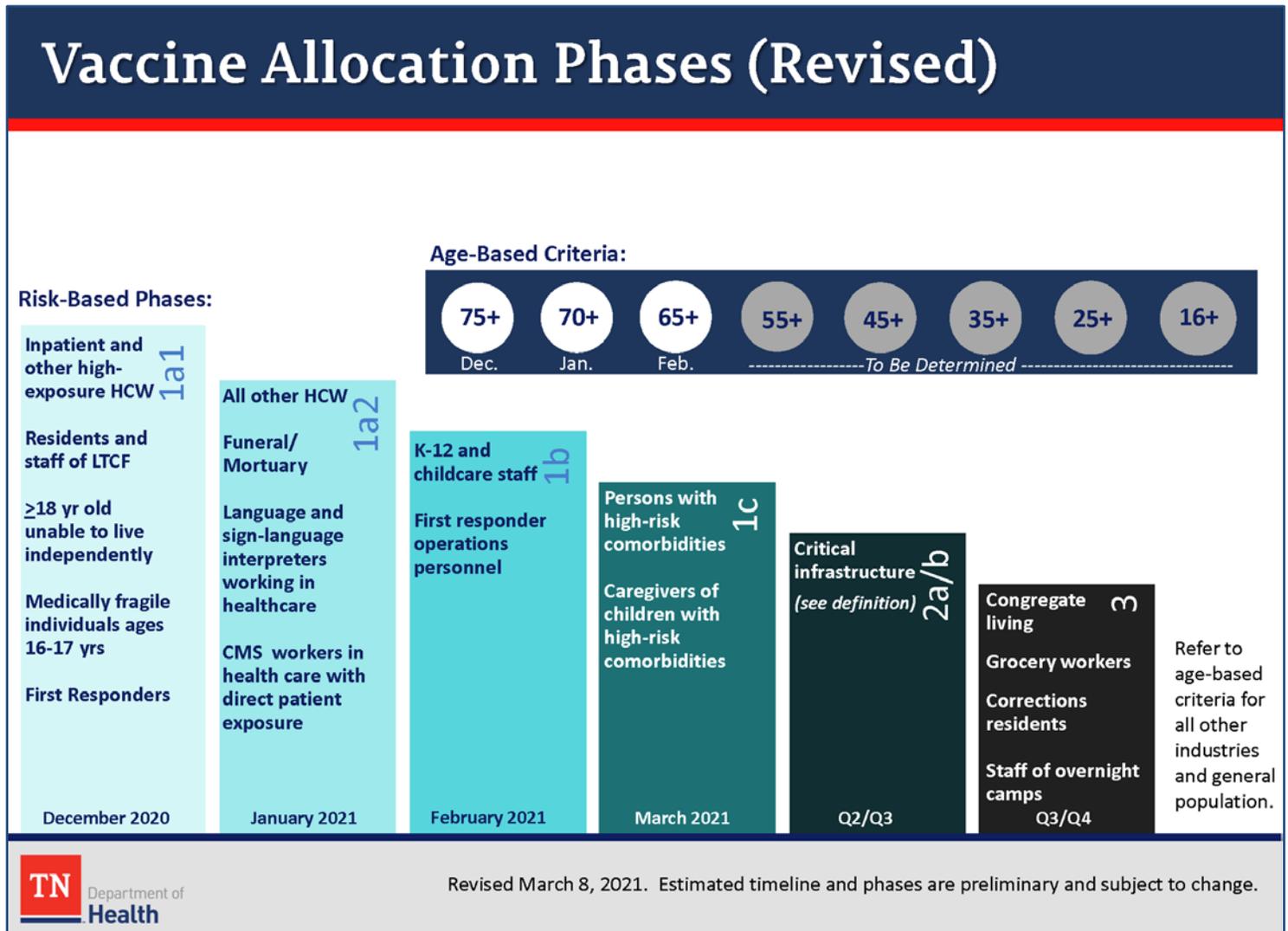
CURRENT EFFORTS

- Tennessee continues making great progress in protecting those most at risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19.
- More than 1.3 million Tennesseans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- 17.9 percent of Tennessee's population has received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Tennessee is [ranked 12th in the nation](#) for the percentage of second vaccine doses completed
- To date, 8.8 percent of Black Tennesseans have been vaccinated, above the national average of 7.6 percent
- Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey and Tennessee Adjutant General Jeffrey Holmes Mar. 16 toured the Music City Center mass vaccination site operated by the Metro Public Health Department in Nashville. Partners in this effort include FEMA and Hands on Nashville.
- TDH is nearing completion of the [investigation of COVID-19 vaccine mismanagement](#) at the Shelby County Health Department. This effort has involved multiple state and federal agencies including the CDC, HHS, Operation Warp Speed and the FDA and discussions with scientists and executives from Pfizer and Moderna. An after-action review and a full written report will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- Vaccination appointments are widely available across the state, with many rural Tennessee county health departments seeing only a fraction of their daily COVID-19 vaccination appointments filled. Tennesseans eligible for COVID-19 vaccination can visit [Vaccinate.tn.gov](#) to book their vaccination appointment at their county health department.
- Information on other vaccination locations in the community is available at [VaccineFinder.org](#). These sites include retail pharmacies, independent pharmacies, hospitals, federally qualified health care centers and faith-based health clinics.
- More than 261,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week
- More than 2.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to Tennessee providers
- Nearly 715,000 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- TDH holds webinars for health care providers every other Friday from noon – 1 p.m. Central time. Providers can submit questions that are answered by the immunization program team. Learn more and register for the March 26 webinar at [www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-webinars.html](#).

WHAT'S NEXT

- TDH anticipates increasing supplies of COVID-19 vaccine products
- County health departments extending hours to expand access to COVID-19 vaccination

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 Mar. 8, and is subject to change given private sector dynamics and decision-making at the federal level.
- Vaccine allocations to Tennessee's 95 counties are 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 vaccine supplies. 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 request COVID-19 vaccination: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>

Find COVID-19 vaccination locations: <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

Find community pharmacies providing COVID-19 vaccinations: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-community-pharmacy-vaccination-locations/>.

Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Dashboard:

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

CDC guidance for people who are fully vaccinated: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html

CMS Nursing Home Visitation Guidance: www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf

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>