

Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) Vaccine Prioritization

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Idaho Governor Brad Little convened the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) to advise him on and assist state and local entities with the prioritization of vaccines when they are in limited supply, guide planning efforts and broadly communicate messaging to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines across the state.

The following vaccine prioritization ranking is based on federal recommendations, CVAC input, and Governor approval. It is subject to change as new information is available.

Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents

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Category	Idaho Group/ Subgroup
Healthcare personnel (HCP) (Includes clergy who enter healthcare facilities to provide religious support to patients)	1
Hospital staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes support staff, clinical staff, and medical imaging professionals)	1.1
Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes vaccine administrators and behavioral health workers, including counselors for substance abuse treatment centers and suicide prevention hotline workers)	1.1
Long-term care facility staff (includes staff of adult day care facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities)	1.2
Home care providers for adults ≥ 65 years of age, or for other adults/children with high-risk medical conditions (includes staff of certified family homes but does not include adult family members who provide in-home personal care for adults 65 years of age and older or for other adults or children with high-risk medical conditions)	1.2
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	1.3

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Healthcare personnel (HCP) (Includes clergy who enter healthcare facilities to provide religious support to patients)	1
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included above who are unable to telework (includes school nurses, Idaho National Guard medical staff, blood center workers, psychiatric residential treatment facility staff, radiation therapists, and optometrists)	1.4
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants	1.5
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy aides	1.6
Public health and emergency management response workers who are unable to telework (includes Idaho National Guard deployed to support public health response, state and local public health COVID-19 responders who are unable to telework)	1.7
Long-term care facility residents (Includes residents of long-term care facilities within correctional or detention settings, residents in certified family homes, and participants in group adult daycare programs)	1

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Frontline Essential Workers and Adults 65 Years of Age and Older

The essential workers (ACIP 1b) were first presented to CVAC 12/04/2020 based on the recommendations of ACIP and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CVAC has recommended to the Governor priority groups for administration of limited vaccine and the following is the current prioritization as approved on 2/22/21.

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<p>Frontline Essential Workers & Adults 65 Years of Age and Older <i>Frontline essential workers: workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2.</i></p>	2
<p>First responders (firefighters/police) and safety (protective services/community support)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners, medical examiners and mortuary and funeral service personnel • Idaho Fish and Game and USDA law enforcement officers • Adult and child protective services • Child welfare workers • Community food, housing, and relief services (includes Clergy and Social Security Administration staff who are unable to telework and are serving vulnerable populations) 	2.1
<p>Education: pre-K-12 school staff and teachers and daycare [childcare] workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential schools/facilities providing behavioral health treatment 	2.1
<p>Correctional and detention facility staff (other than medical)</p>	2.1

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Adults 65 years of age and older	2.2
Homeless shelter residents	2.3
Food and agriculture workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food processing workers, includes USDA processing plant inspectors • Grocery, convenience store, and food pantry workers 	2.3
Idaho National Guard (if not already included in group 1.4 or 1.7)	2.3
Subset of essential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications utility workers, who work indoors	2.3

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Manufacturing workers	2.3
Public transit workers	2.3
U.S. Postal Service workers	2.3
Flight crews	2.3

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Idaho Group 3

Idaho Group 3 (ACIP 1c) was first presented to CVAC on 2/19/2021 based on the recommendations of ACIP and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CVAC has recommended to the Governor priority groups for administration of limited vaccine and the following is the current prioritization as approved on 3/15/2021.

Category	Idaho Group/ Subgroup
Age plus Medical Condition alternating with Age Bands <i>Medical conditions are defined as “are at increased risk” and “might be at increased risk” per the CDC. To see a full list of conditions that qualify as a medical condition, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html. In addition, disabilities* are also included as a medical condition.</i>	3
Age 55-64 with at least one medical condition Open by March 15 th	3.1
Age 55-64 general population Open March 22 nd **	3.2
Age 45-54 with at least one medical condition Open March 29 th **	3.3
Age 45-54 general population Open April 5 th **	3.4
Age 16-44 with at least one medical condition Open April 12 th **	3.5
Age 16-44 general population Open April 26 th **	3.6

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** Local Public Health Districts can open bands earlier if supply/demand allows.