



On Monday, March 8, the TN Department of Health began vaccinating individuals within Tier 1C. Tier 1 C includes person with high-risk comorbidities and Caregivers of children with high-risk comorbidities.

There are now 12 locations where someone who can obtain their COVID-19 Vaccine. Individuals can go to www.vaccinfinder.org or you can go to www.seviercountycovidhelp.com for COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Questions.

The CDC has also updated guidance for individuals who have been fully vaccinated.

For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).[†]

The following recommendations apply to non-healthcare settings.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at [increased risk for severe COVID-19](#) disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

Please click the link below to review the updated guidance.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

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

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- TDH reschedules appointments missed due to severe winter weather
- CDC officials work onsite in Shelby County to improve vaccination program management
- Tennessee begins receiving Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine
- Tennessee will expand vaccine eligibility to Phase 1c March 8
- More than 517,000 Tennesseans fully vaccinated against COVID-19

CURRENT EFFORTS

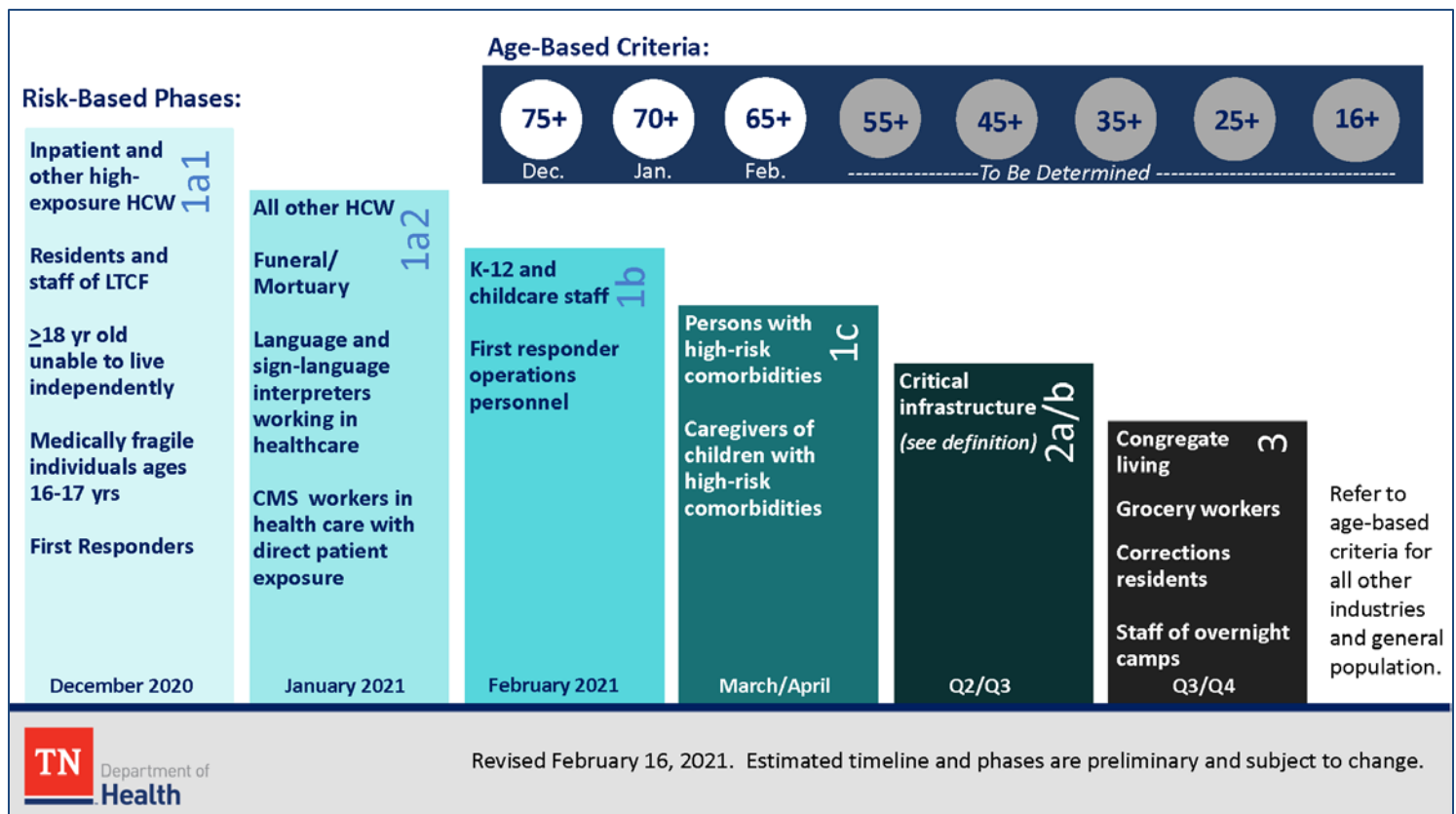
- TDH local and regional health departments through extraordinary efforts have rescheduled vaccination appointments postponed due to severe winter weather the week of Feb. 14. TDH vaccination sites are now caught up on these vaccinations.
- Officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have arrived onsite at the Shelby County Health Department, and continue work with state and local partners to improve vaccination program management.
- The TDH Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program leads the state's COVID-19 vaccination activities and has enhanced standard procedures to ensure safe and efficient management of vaccine handling and administration. These include:
 - Providing technical assistance and monitoring
 - Routine, detailed, quality assurance visits with vaccine providers required by the CDC
 - Providers currently receiving COVID-19 vaccines will receive a call from TDH regional immunization staff to review requirements. Any flags prompt a site visit.
 - New providers onboarded to receive COVID-19 vaccines receive information to help start operation, and will be contacted by the TDH vaccine team to review expectations for appropriate handling and administration of these vaccines.
- TDH is engaging a health care quality assurance company to provide ongoing checks with COVID-19 vaccine providers.
- The TDH immunization program is working with the state's metropolitan health departments to perform quality assurance visits this week, and will perform quality assurance checks with all 89 rural health departments over the next two to three weeks.
- Tennessee continues to see increased supplies of COVID-19 vaccine, including the first allocation of 54,000 doses of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine given [emergency use authorization by the FDA](#) Feb. 27.
- Tennessee will expand eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination to people in Phase 1c of the state's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) March 8. Phase 1c includes people with high-risk health conditions including pregnancy, and parents and caregivers of children with high-risk health conditions.
- Tennesseans eligible for COVID-19 vaccination can visit [Vaccinate.tn.gov](#) to book their appointment for vaccination at their county health department. Information on other vaccination locations in the community is available at [VaccineFinder.org](#).
- Tennessee is rapidly vaccinating those at highest risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. To date, more than 959,000 Tennesseans have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Nearly 250,000 vaccinations were provided in the past week.
- More than two million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to Tennessee providers.
- More than 517,000 Tennesseans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

- TDH holds a webinar for health care providers every Friday from noon – 1 p.m. Central time for providers to submit questions that are answered by the immunization program team. Learn more and register for the March 5 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.
- TDH is planning mass vaccination events.

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 Feb. 16, 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/>

Information on 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

CMS 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>