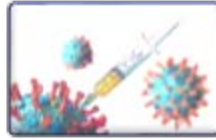


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VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM (VPDC) NOVEMBER 2020



COVID-19 VACCINATION PLANNING LAUNCHED

In anticipation of COVID-19 vaccine safety and efficacy approvals, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program (VPDC) recently initiated planning for rapid, effective, and equitable vaccine distribution. VPDC planning will incorporate evidence-based guidelines, experience from flu and H1N1, LA County COVID-19 data, and feedback from community stakeholders to create the best plan. Information will be communicated on an ongoing basis.



CLINICIANS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Collaborations with clinicians, pharmacists, and community organizations will be an integral part of the COVID-19 vaccination planning process. VPDC is scheduling educational presentations, listening tours, and feedback methods to inform planning and implementation. For more information on opportunities for participation, please contact our COVID Collaboration Lead: **Dr. Tracey Veal**
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EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Equitable allocation of the COVID-19 vaccine is core to national, state, and local planning processes. VPDC will use recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to guide planning for the distribution of vaccines in a fair, ethical, and transparent way. VPDC will use ACIP frameworks to further refine how to best implement vaccine distribution to priority groups in the county.



VACCINE SAFETY, EFFICACY, AND EQUITY¹

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is an independent federal advisory committee of diverse medical and public health experts and consumer representation external to the federal government. ACIP evaluates and recommends how FDA licensed authorizes vaccines should be used in the U.S. civilian population. For over 55 years ACIP has reviewed scientific data and established national immunization recommendations. The recommendations become official immunization policy when adopted by the federal government. ACIP data, materials and meetings are transparent and open to the

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VACCINE SAFETY, EFFICACY AND EQUITY (Continued)

public. ACIP applies the same systematic standard to the COVID-19 vaccine process. In addition, ACIP continuously reviews and incorporates aspects of frameworks by expert panels including the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the American Medical Association (AMA).

ACIP Guiding Principles

Central to the development and implementation of recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine use are:

- (1) Maximizing benefits & minimizing harm
- (2) Equity
- (3) Justice
- (4) Fairness
- (5) Transparency

ACIP reviewed vaccine allocation options and applied science and ethical principles to create possible allocation phases.

Phased Approach to Vaccine Allocation²

- Likely overlap in populations/phases
- Assumes supply constraints for Phases 1-2
- For illustrative purposes 3 Phases are listed. Phases subject to change based on clinical trial outcomes & other factors

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<p>Phase 1a “Jumpstart Phase”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-risk health workers • First responders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Teachers & school staff, & childcare workers • Critical workers in high risk settings in industries essential to society functioning & at substantially higher exposure risk • People of all ages with comorbid & underlying conditions that put them at <i>moderately</i> higher exposure risk • People in homeless shelters or group homes for individuals with disabilities, & physical disabilities or in recovery, & staff who work in such settings. • People in prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities, and staff who work in such settings • All older adults not included in Phase 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young adults • Children (ages TBD) • Workers in industries & occupations important to society functioning & at increased exposure risk not included in Phase 1 or 2
<p>Phase 1b Significant Higher Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at <i>significantly</i> higher risk • Older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings 		

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