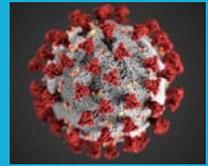


# COLORADO INTERIM COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN



## Executive Summary - DRAFT

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### Introduction

Colorado's COVID-19 vaccination plan sets a framework that will leverage existing systems and partnerships with local public health agencies, health care providers, and other partners to distribute a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine as equitably and efficiently as possible. A multi-agency, multi-sector team contributed to the development of the state's COVID vaccination plan. More than 20 organizations representing the Governor's Office, public health, various state agencies, clinical associations, universities, pharmacies, hospital systems, and community based organizations were engaged in plan development. Sections of the plan were drafted by subject matter experts, and the joint vaccination planning steering committee reviewed sections for consistency and cohesion. Both departmental executive leadership and the Governor's Office reviewed and provided recommendations reflected in the current plan.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Sections:

#### Section 3: Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

Colorado will concentrate its Phase 1 COVID-19 vaccination efforts on initial critical populations, including: healthcare workers, first responders and long-term care facility residents. With the transition to Phase 2, additional vaccination providers not activated during Phase 1 will be invited to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Particular consideration will be given to ensure a broad network of providers across the state with an emphasis on equitable access for all populations. Ultimately, COVID-19 vaccine will become widely available and integrated into routine vaccination programs, run by both public and private partners. During Phase 3, Colorado will continue to focus on equitable vaccination access for all Coloradans. Additional vaccination providers may be enrolled at this time and others may be ramped down depending on the population served, vaccine availability, and demand.

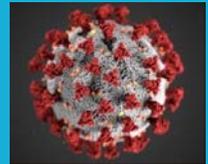
#### Section 4: Critical Populations

Colorado performed an iterative review of the literature and considered this collective body of work in the state's phased allocation framework which generally aligns with the final recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). Colorado's allocation framework includes several main categories: critical workforce (healthcare workers, first responders), highest risk individuals (long-term care facility residents), congregate housing (including individuals living in high-density housing who may have challenges with social distancing), essential workers (those with direct contact with the public and those working in high-density settings), and higher risk individuals (older adults 65+ and those with comorbidities) and the general public (adults 18 - 64).

#### Section 5: COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

Provider recruitment and enrollment efforts will be driven by Colorado-specific recommendations for vaccine allocation. Colorado will prioritize enrollment of vaccination providers and settings who will administer COVID vaccine to critical populations, giving consideration to providers serving those living in remote, rural areas of the state who may experience difficulty accessing vaccination services. Enrollment within the COVID-19 Vaccination Program will occur online through an existing system currently used for Immunization Information System (IIS) enrollment and onboarding.

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## Section 8: COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling

Colorado will direct all COVID-19 vaccination providers to maintain storage and handling guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and provide training and technical assistance to enrolled providers to ensure their success. Adhering to proper cold chain management is essential to assuring the viability of the COVID-19 vaccines.

## Section 10: COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders

Colorado will strongly encourage COVID-19 vaccination providers to schedule a patient's second-dose appointment when they receive their first dose. Whenever possible, second-dose reminders will come directly from the COVID-19 vaccination provider who first immunized the patient. Patients are more receptive to receiving messages from trusted and known sources. For COVID-19 vaccination providers without existing mechanisms for performing second-dose reminders, Colorado will promote the use of the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) reminder/recall functionality. Colorado will also expand current centralized IIS-based reminder/recall efforts in order to conduct statewide autodial recalls for patients who are overdue for their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

## Section 12: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication

Colorado's COVID-19 vaccination communications plan aims to: educate the public about the development, authorization, distribution, and administration of COVID-19 vaccines; ensure public confidence in the FDA approval or authorization process as well as the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines; ensure active, timely, accessible, and effective public health and safety messaging along with outreach to key state/local partners and the public about COVID-19 vaccines; provide guidance to local public health agencies, clinicians, and other COVID-19 vaccination provider locations; and engage in dialogue with internal and external partners to understand their key considerations and needs related to COVID-19 vaccine program implementation.

## Section 14: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

Per the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement, all COVID-19 vaccination providers will be made aware of and asked to acknowledge the requirement that they report both moderate and severe adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). This requirement, and the process for reporting adverse events, will also be communicated through the longstanding CIIS First Friday e-newsletter and other publications managed by partner organizations.

## Section 15: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring

At a very high-level, CIIS will serve as the backbone for monitoring progress and data related to allocation, ordering, distribution, redistribution, inventory management, administration documentation, safety monitoring, second dose reminders, and reporting. Colorado is currently working through the metrics to be tracked and what will be shared publicly. These metrics will likely include # of providers enrolled, # of doses distributed, # of doses administered, # of persons vaccinated, and vaccination coverage within various populations.

## Additional Information

Colorado considers this to be a living document and will make adjustments and updates as planning continues, stakeholders are engaged and more information becomes available.