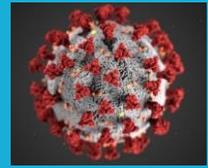


# OKLAHOMA INTERIM COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN



## Oklahoma Executive Summary - DRAFT

October 20, 2020

**Instructions for Jurisdictions:** *The jurisdiction should use this template to provide a high-level, executive summary of their interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Please provide a brief summary including the listed sections below, highlighting the key points and planning/implementation considerations for the section. This summary is viewed as a draft due to the nature of the jurisdictional plan being a living document that will be updated. This Executive Summary will be used to provide a brief overview of critical aspects of the plan. Jurisdictions should provide a brief description (short paragraph) for the sections listed below. The titles and section numbers are as listed in the Playbook and Playbook Template. Additional information can be shared in the last section. The total length should not exceed 2 pages.*

### Introduction

*Please provide a brief introduction to your jurisdiction's interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Include the purpose of the plan and an overview of plan development. (Maximum 10 lines)*

Overarching tenets for Oklahoma's COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

- 1) Save lives and maximize benefits of vaccine to overall pandemic response mitigation.
- 2) Treat all people with equal regard and mitigate health inequities.
- 3) Minimize or eliminate vaccine waste and ancillary supply loss.
- 4) Maintain constant awareness of vaccine inventory and administration reporting.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) began planning discussions on August 25, 2020. Oklahoma's public health leaders immediately recognized the need for broad sector involvement in planning and execution. Large planning teams were established in early September with broad membership among stakeholders. These teams remain engaged through a weekly meeting schedule established to keep partners informed of CDC and OWS guidance. Meeting cadence increased as playbook/guidance became available; a twice-weekly schedule was established while groups connected daily updating plan details.

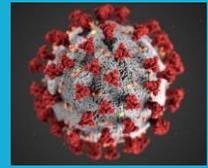
### COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Sections:

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

In order to maximize the benefit to Oklahoma's pandemic response while mitigating inequities and disparities, Oklahoma's distribution framework was informed by the core planning team and approved as a result of the thoughtful review and recommendations from an independent advisory committee to the Commissioner of Health. Members of the Advisory Council were selected for their medical expertise with an emphasis on diversity related to geography, race and ethnicity, and practice setting.

The Commissioner of Health, supported by the COVID Vaccine Program team, will make overall decisions regarding all aspects of the program including vaccine allocations and supply deployment. As phase 1 progresses, shipments will be directed to local health departments (LHD the term LHD includes also THD, OCCHD) or to hospital providers in the cities where hospitals treat COVID-19 inpatients. The LHD personnel have long standing relationships with the hospitals in their areas and will be able to collaboratively problem solve issues with guidance from the Immunization Division and COVID Vaccine Operations Team. During phase 1, Oklahoma will provide COVID-19 vaccination services in closed point-of-dispensing (POD) setting that allows for maximum number of people to be vaccinated while maintaining social distancing and other infection control procedures. Closed PODs will be conducted by private and public providers (including tribes) during this phase. This is to ensure vaccine remaining after patients in the intended POD are vaccinated is transferred to another location or to

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another critical population identified in phase 1 to eliminate the chance for waste of the vaccine. Mass immunization clinics will be utilized by the LHD and some tribes to enable quick administration and greater access for the public during phase 2 and 3. Further expansion of priority populations will happen.

## Section 4: Critical Populations

The Oklahoma COVID Vaccine team acknowledges there are many unknowns regarding COVID vaccine including but not limited to the type, amount, indication, and logistical considerations of the vaccine. As such, the plan is being built on hypothetical scenarios and planning assumptions, based on information and guidance that is known today. This plan is intended to be flexible and fluid and allows for future changes as more information becomes known to the state. The state anticipates the possibility for significant revisions to the plan upon receiving confirmed, finalized information regarding the initial federal vaccine distribution to Oklahoma.

The OSDH anticipates that populations including people from racial and ethnic minority groups, tribal communities, people with underlying medical conditions and/or disabilities, and those who are under- or uninsured will likely be present among all priority populations.

The OSDH assessed existing data sources for each of the critical populations identified. Both state and national datasets were sought. State level data sources were assessed for the granularity possible (e.g. county or zip code level data). At minimum, county level data were identified for all critical population groups. The approach used by the state to identify appropriate data included use of established, dependable, long-standing national or state sources of information.

Details on the populations associated with each plan phase may be found on the OSDH website.

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

Immunization Service began recruiting pandemic providers through the Oklahoma Health Advisory Network (OK-HAN) in June 2020. Recruitment efforts are ongoing and guided by the latest CDC guidance regarding target populations to ensure partnerships are in place to distribute COVID-19 vaccine throughout the response.

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

Contingent upon vaccine limitations, vaccine storage and handling considerations include establishing appropriate locations to temporarily and securely store vaccines awaiting distribution and administration, and when appropriate, transportation of vaccine to administration sites. A quality control (QC) monitoring process will verify adherence to cold-chain requirements, and collecting, storing and redistributing vaccine doses from providers who are unable to deplete their supply within the projected temperature and timeframe window.

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

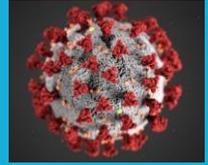
Providers will be trained to remind patients about the required second dose of COVID-19 vaccinations during administration of the 1st dose and the time interval required between each dose. Clients will receive a shot record at the time of the 1st dose with the vaccine type and due date for the second dose.

## Section 12: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication

The OSDH is proposing a comprehensive communications strategy that will focus on addressing the first phase of vaccine distribution. It's important to note that, while this plan focuses on this short-term phase, some of the overall proposed strategies will prevail throughout the vaccine's expected distribution to the wider population in 2021. All communications aim to create awareness and build trust for the COVID-19 vaccine and its importance for combatting the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as its effectiveness in preventing the disease for those who decide to receive it

## Section 14: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

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Oklahoma will provide opportunities for either virtual or in-person training for all providers who will receive and/or administer COVID-19 vaccine during any phase of distribution. This training will include the timeliest information on vaccine safety including vaccine indications and contraindications, known common and less common side effects, vaccine administration recommendations, and storage and handling instructions to ensure viability of the vaccine. This training will also include sources for reporting adverse events, including the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Providers will be supplied with VAERS fact sheets to distribute to COVID-19 vaccine recipients, along with the Vaccine Information Statement.

## Section 15: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring

OSDH, the COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Core Team, regional administrative directors, and local county health Departments will maintain local-level situational awareness by collaborating on a daily/weekly basis to assess local emergency communication platforms, situation reports, daily testing numbers, and outbreak reports to help coordinate response activities across the state.

## Additional Information