



# Arizona's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Overview

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# Acknowledgements

- We appreciate the ongoing efforts of federal, state, local and tribal health care partners to deliver and administer vaccine to Arizona's most vulnerable populations.
- Vaccine supply remains limited but continues to provide light at the end of the tunnel for the pandemic.
- **Public health recommendations to limit disease spread will continue to be crucial until there is demonstrated herd immunity to protect high-risk individuals in our communities.**



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# Important Announcements

- HHS has announced intent to release their entire supply including the federal second dose reserve to increase the supply chain, and state allocations will be pro rata based on the population of adults age 65 and older and vaccines administered by states.
- HHS is urging states to expand vaccination access to people over age 65 and adults under 65 with co-morbidities, and VAPAC has been asked to vote to consider implementing this recommendation for Arizona.
- CDC has notified ADHS to expect \$65 million in federal funding to support efficient statewide vaccination administration.
- Limited amounts of COVID-19 vaccine are now available in all Arizona counties with more info at [www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine](http://www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine).



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# Arizona in Top 20 for Number of Doses Administered

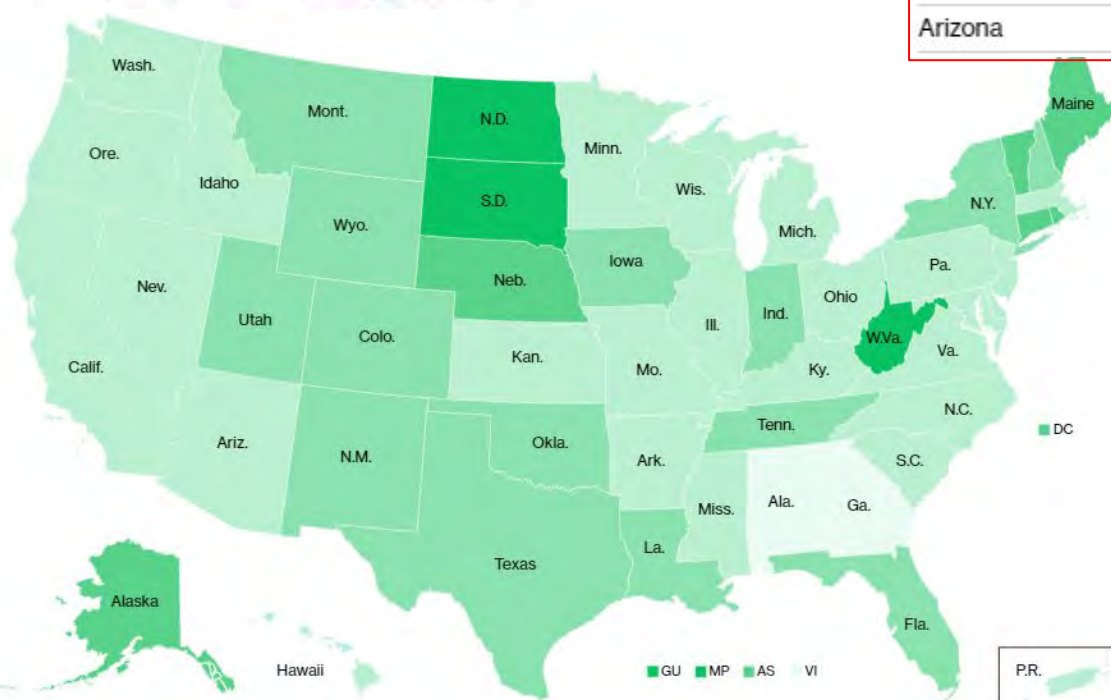
## Vaccines Across America

Across the U.S., 3.0 doses have been administered for every 100 people, and 36% of the shots distributed to states have been administered

Doses Administered

% of Supply Used

2 3 4 5 per 100 people



Jurisdiction	Doses distributed	Doses administered ▼	% shots used
U.S. totals	27,696,150	9,944,045	35.9
Texas	1,949,125	911,461	46.8
California	3,286,050	816,301	24.8
Arizona	563,025	165,531	29.4

As of January 12th, in Arizona over **165,000** doses have been reported administered out of **456,000** doses received (*36% shots used*).

Arizona continues to work to rapidly expand vaccination capacity with a wide range of partners.

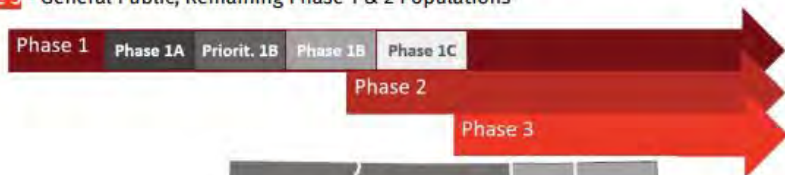
# Summary

- As of January 12th, over **165,000** doses have been reported administered out of **456,000** doses delivered.
- Over **609,925** doses have been ordered and expected to arrive in Arizona by the end of the week, including both first and second doses.
- This week there will be **200+** Phase 1A-1B vaccination sites that have received supplies across Arizona, including county health departments, hospitals, FQHCs, pharmacies, and other key providers.
- CVS, Walgreen's, and pharmacy partners are scheduled to provide onsite vaccination clinics at **146** skilled nursing facilities for patients and staff by the end of this week (the CDC Pharmacy Partnership Program for Long-Term Care will provide vaccinations for over **2,000** facilities with vulnerable long-term care residents and staff through spring 2021).
- ADHS is requesting to activate the CDC Retail Pharmacy Program to rapidly expand access to vaccination locations with **100+** retail pharmacy store partners statewide as early as possible.



## Vaccination Phase by County

- **Phase 1A** - Healthcare Workers & Healthcare Support Occupations, Emergency Medical Services Workers, Long-term Care Facility Staff & Residents
- **Prioritized Phase 1B** - Education & Childcare Workers, Protective Services Occupations, Adults 75 and older, Remaining 1A
- **Phase 1B** - , Essential Services/ Critical Industry Workers, Adults with High-Risk Conditions in Congregate Settings, Remaining 1A & Prioritized 1B
- **Phase 1C** - Adults 65 and Older, Adults of Any Age with High-Risk Medical Conditions, Adults Living in Congregate Settings, Remaining 1A & 1B
- **Phase 2** - Additional High-Risk/ Critical Populations, General Public, Remaining Phase 1 Populations
- **Phase 3** - General Public, Remaining Phase 1 & 2 Populations



County	Phase Vaccinating	Total Vaccines Administered	Vaccination Rate* (per 100,000)
Apache	1B	623	868
Cochise	Priorit. 1B	2,963	2,265
Coconino	Priorit. 1B	4,735	3,215
Gila	Priorit. 1B	2,095	3,798
Graham	Priorit. 1B	722	1,876
Greenlee	Priorit. 1B	227	2,188
La Paz	1A	205	928
Maricopa	Priorit. 1B	95,715	2,191
Mohave	Priorit. 1B	3,262	1,503
Navajo	1B	2,231	1,977
Pima	1A	33,108	3,169
Pinal	1B	7,839	1,722
Santa Cruz	1B	925	1,740
Yavapai	1A	3,733	1,606
Yuma	Priorit. 1B	4,389	1,909
Statewide	--	165,531	2,303

**NOTE:** Doses administered in the last 24 hours may not be included in this report. The number of doses administered counts the number of vaccines administered, as reported to ASIIS.





# **Arizona Vaccine Distribution While Supplies are Limited**

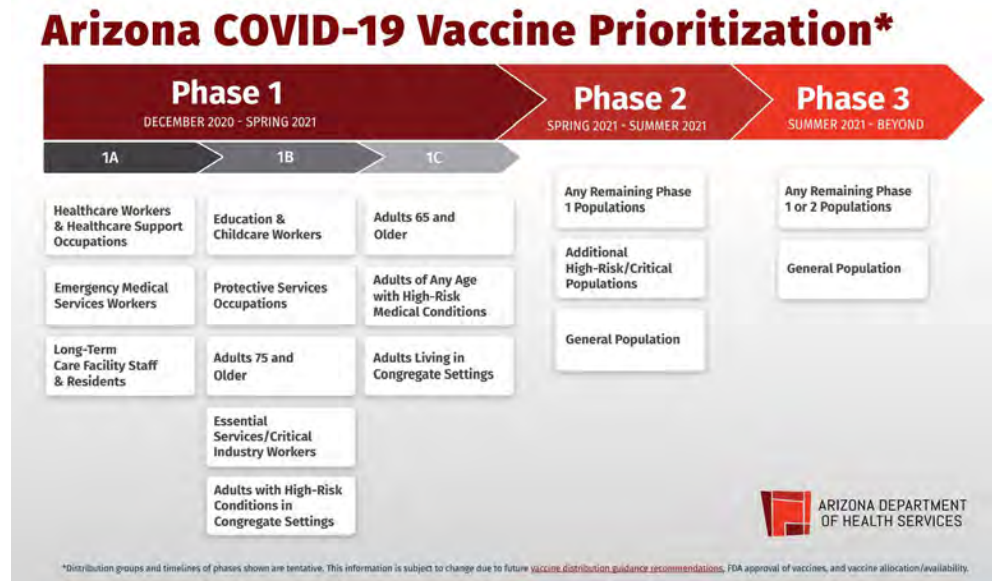


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# Initial Vaccine Supplies are Limited

- When supplies are limited, a phased vaccination approach will be used to prioritize people by occupation, risk of exposure, and risk of severe outcomes.
- Phase 1B prioritizes high risk populations including age 75+, law enforcement, and teachers initially.
- Additional Phase 1B priority populations will be considered for vaccination as more vaccine supplies become available.



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# Allocation & Prioritization

- As of January 12th, Arizona has placed orders for 609,925 doses in partnership with local allocators.

Jurisdiction		Doses Ordered	Jurisdiction		Doses Ordered
Apache	1B	2400	Mohave	1B	9600
Cochise	1B	5200	Navajo	1B	4300
Coconino	1B	7575	Pima	1A	81550
Gila	1B	3000	Pinal	1B	14500
Graham	1B	1500	Santa Cruz	1B	1900
Greenlee	1B	500	Yavapai	1A	10400
La Paz	1A	500	Yuma	1B	7400
Maricopa	1B	378100	ADHS		*included in Maricopa
LTCF		74200	Tribal Entities		3300

- While the supply chain remains constrained, CDC is only releasing a weekly allocation and the state is applying a pro rata allocation based on 1A and 1B priority population estimates.

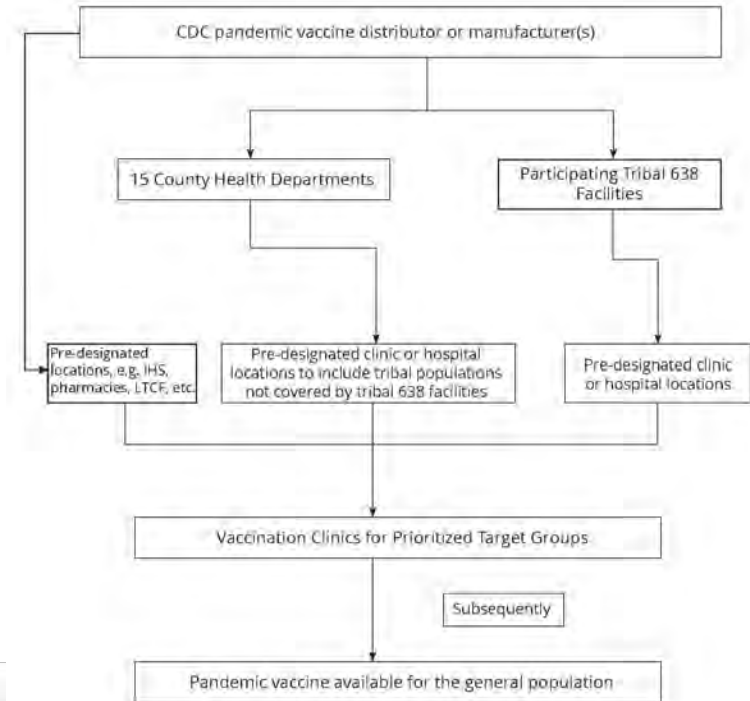


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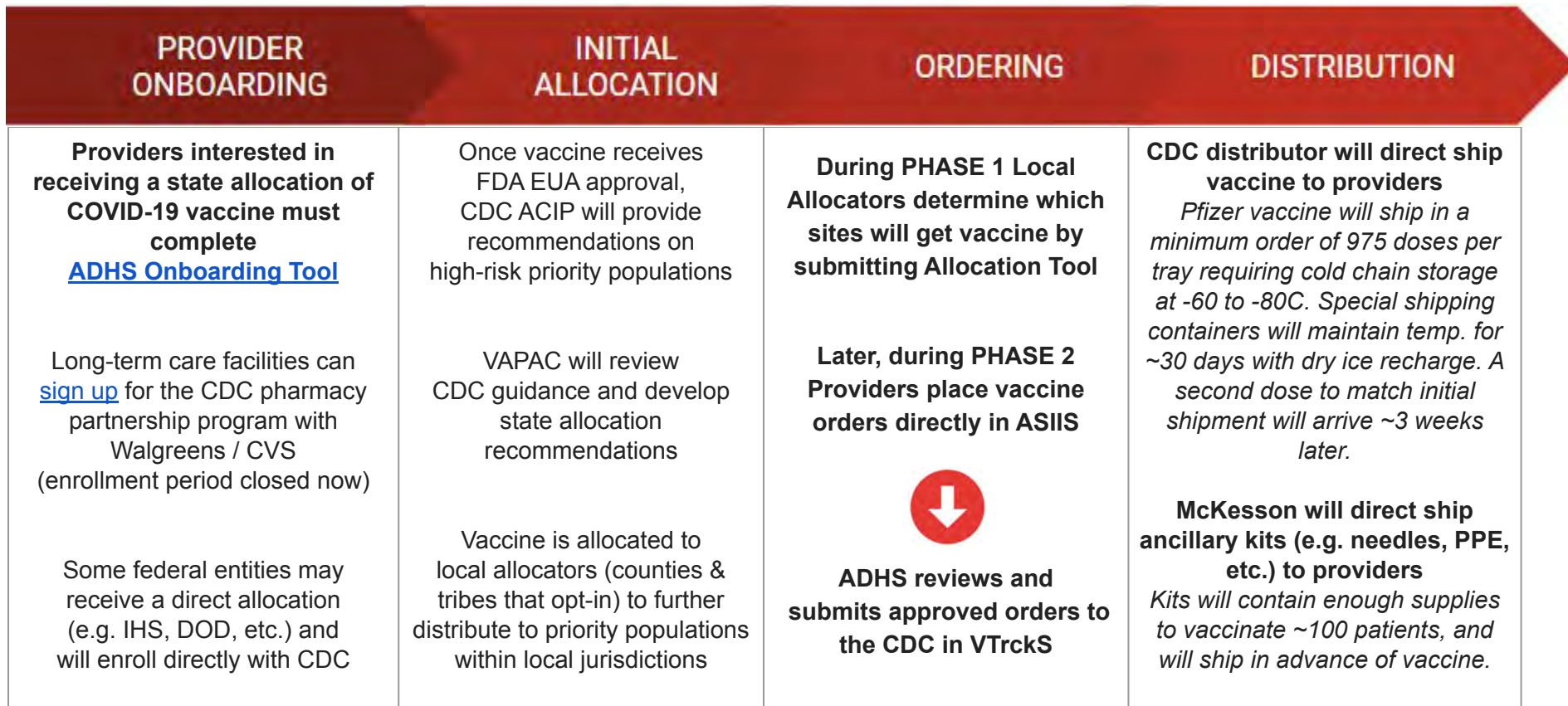
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# Vaccine Distribution Overview

- Arizona follows a state-directed local allocator model, which allows an allocation of vaccine to 15 county health departments and 4 tribal entities to distribute to priority groups.
- Advisory committees (ACIP/VAPAC) provide prioritization guidance to ensure fair and equitable allocation.
- Weekly allocation and ordering is expected as more vaccines become available.



# Vaccine Distribution Process



# Second Dose Allocation & Ordering

- CDC has been holding a second dose federal reserve to ensure availability of second doses when needed; therefore, second doses have become available for states to place orders the week before they are due (e.g. since Pfizer second dose is due 3 weeks later, second dose ordering opens ~2 weeks after first dose ordering).
- HHS announced yesterday their intent to release all available vaccines, we do not yet know how this will impact state allocations-more details will be coming soon
- **During Phase 1, local allocators and provider sites can expect the following:**
  - **First doses will continue to be allocated pro rata based on population estimates, and second doses will be available for ordering as soon as they are available.**
  - **ADHS plans to open a weekly cycle for ordering in the Allocation Tool for local allocators to order both first and second doses when available.**





# Expanding Vaccination Capacity



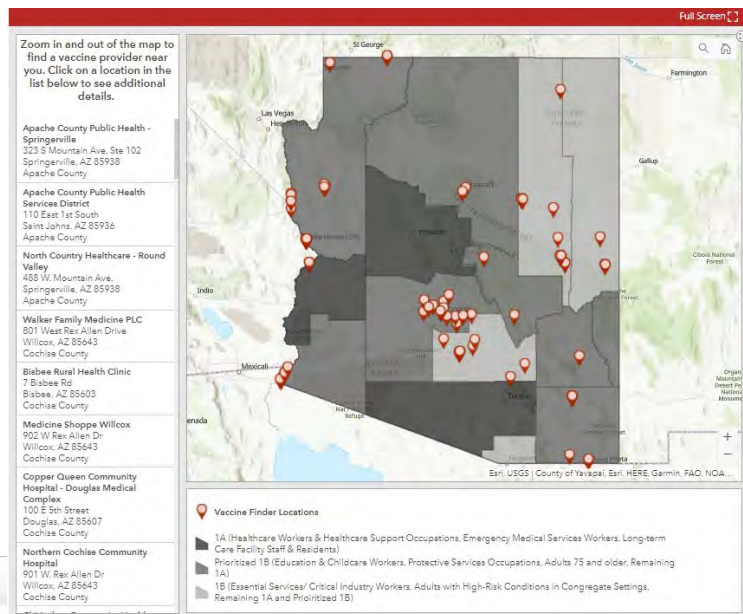
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# Vaccine Administration Sites

- Initial Phase 1A vaccination sites are open for front line health care and EMS providers
  - 200+ vaccinations sites** have been added this week
- CDC Walgreen's/CVS Partnership began vaccinations in skilled nursing facilities the week of Dec 27
  - 2,000+ long-term care facilities** signed up for onsite clinics for residents and staff
- Additional statewide sites will be phased in as supplies become available in January-March 2021
  - 730+ providers** have onboarded with ADHS and are approved to receive vaccine
  - 800+ pharmacies** have enrolled in the CDC Retail Pharmacy Program to provide in-store vaccinations

For more info, visit [AZHEALTH.GOV/FINDVACCINE](https://azhealth.gov/findvaccine)



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# Long-term Care Facilities are Priority

- The [CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care](#) with Walgreen's/CVS prioritizes providing vaccinations to vulnerable residents and staff.
- **140+** SNFs are scheduled to receive vaccinations by the end of this week.
- Over **2,000 facilities** in Arizona enrolled in the federal program, with the goal of covering *~450,000 residents and staff* over several months.



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# 24/7 State Farm Stadium POD Concept

- Thank you to partners who worked to rapidly stand up a 24/7 vaccination site with a soft launch of 4,800 appointments in 24 hours
- Over 81,000 appointments have been booked through January 31st
- More appt slots are available for Priority Group 1B and will be opening more times for second doses
- This POD is open to all Arizonans, but was made possible with a pro rata allocation inclusive of Maricopa County Pfizer doses



COVID-19 Vaccine  
Available 24/7 to PHASE 1B\*  
State Farm Stadium, Glendale

## Register Now

*\*Only those in **PRIORITY GROUP 1B** are able to register. This includes protective service workers, teachers and K-12 school staff, childcare workers, and those age 75 and older.*

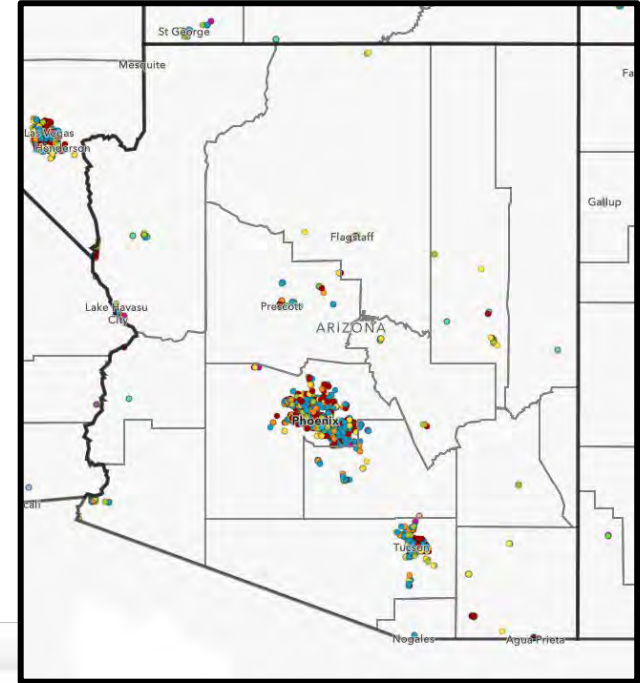


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# Neighborhood Pharmacy Partners are Key

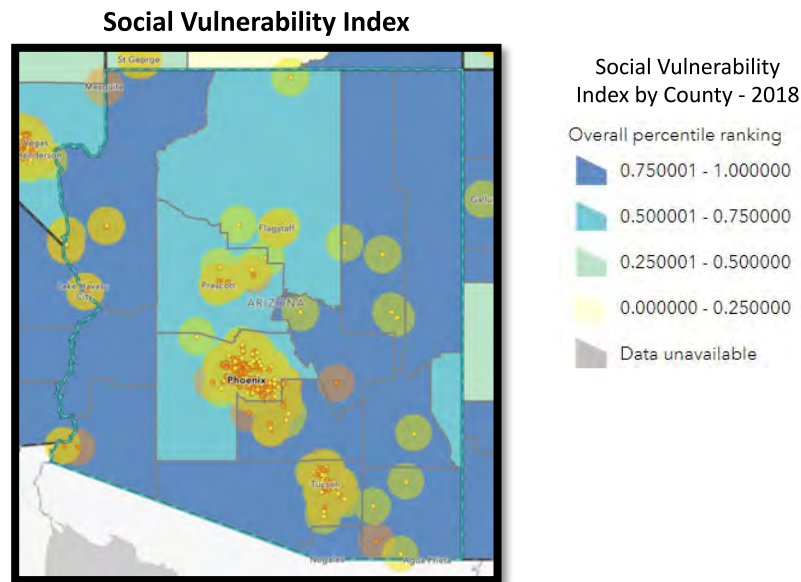
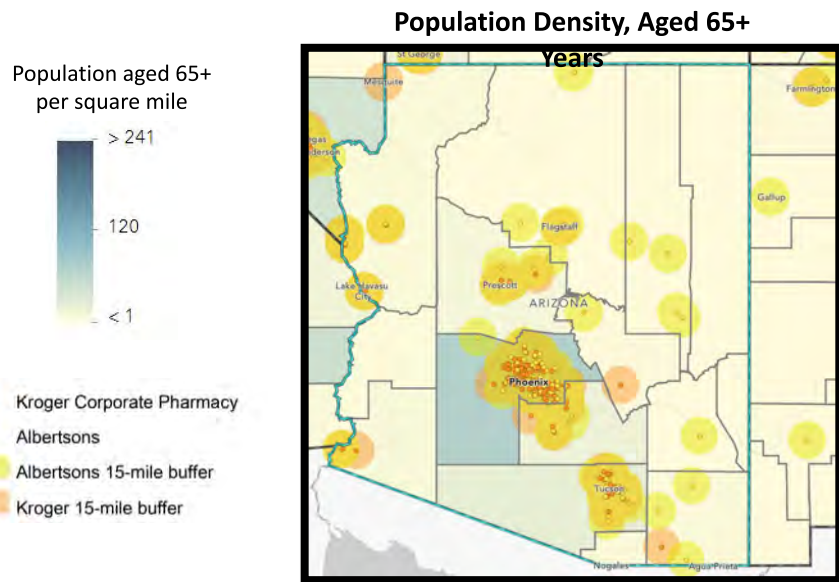
- CDC has provided a list and map of pharmacy partners that have onboarded through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.
- State and local partners have requested to begin allocating vaccine to pharmacy partners through the CDC Retail Pharmacy Program.
- Depending on the supply chain, Arizona plans to start allocating to pharmacy stores in small increments by **mid to late January**.
- The CDC program does not require individual stores to onboard at the state level to receive vaccines.



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# CDC Retail Pharmacy Program Overview



	Population	% pop. within 15 mi of a pharmacy location	% pop. within 10 mi of a pharmacy location	% pop. within 5 mi of a pharmacy location
<b>Total population</b>	7,132,147	94%	92%	87%
<b>Population aged 65+</b>	881,831	93%	90%	84%



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# Vaccination Safety and Program Monitoring



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# Vaccine Safety Is a Top Priority

## Safety Is a Top Priority

The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. [Learn more.](#)



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# **v-safe<sup>SM</sup>** after vaccination health checker



- **V-safe** conducts electronic health check-ins with vaccine recipients
  - daily for first week post-vaccination; weekly thereafter until 6 weeks post-vaccination
  - additional health checks at 3, 6, and 12 months post-vaccination
  - timeline resets at 2<sup>nd</sup> dose



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# Report Adverse Events to VAERS

As per EUA, report after vaccine:

- Any serious event
- Vaccine administration errors
- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome
- Hospitalization or death from COVID-19

<https://vaers.hhs.gov>

**1-800-822-7967**



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## DO YOUR PART for Vaccine Safety— Report to VAERS

If one of your patients becomes ill after being vaccinated, promptly report it to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), even if you are not sure that the vaccine caused the illness.

As a healthcare provider, you can help to ensure the safety of vaccines given to patients in the United States by reporting adverse events to VAERS.

- You may report to VAERS online or download and print a VAERS form at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov)

- For additional information on VAERS, call (800) 822-7967

**VAERS**

Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System



**CDC**

**FDA**

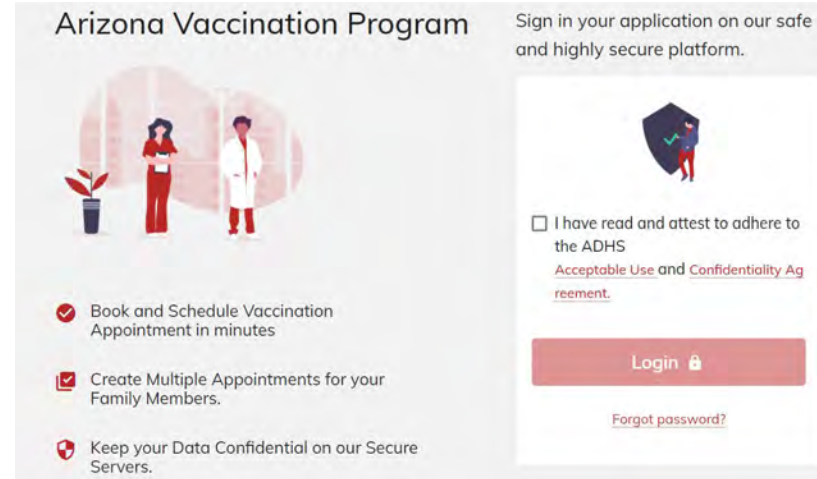
VAERS is a national vaccine safety surveillance program, co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). VAERS is a postmarketing surveillance program that collects information about adverse events (possible side effects) that occur after the administration of vaccines licensed for use in the United States.

# Vaccine Management System Support

Resources are available for patients, clinicians, and other users to support use of the system:

- [Patient Portal Guide - How to Make a Vaccine Appointment](#)
- [Organization & Site Admin Guide](#)
- [Clinician User Guide](#)

Vaccine Management System Helpdesk Support is available to assist health care providers in using the registration system and for technical support on weekdays, Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at **(602) 542-1000**. Patients 75 and older without computer access or needing extra help registering for an appointment can call 1-844-542-8201 to be connected with someone who can assist.



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# Resources for Provider Sites and Vaccinators



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# How to Become a Vaccinator

- Provider sites must complete [ADHS Onboarding Tool](#) to be approved and eligible to receive vaccine
- Individual volunteers can register at [ESAR-VHP](#)
- Who can administer COVID-19 vaccine?  
Healthcare providers who are authorized to administer vaccines are medical doctors (M.D.), osteopathic physicians (D.O.), physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, medical assistants, emergency medical technicians (EMT-I), paramedics, school nurses, and pharmacists. The scope of practice of various professions and occupations can be found in [A.R.S. Title 32](#).
- More info available at:
  - [www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine](http://www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine)
  - [www.azhealth.gov/volunteer](http://www.azhealth.gov/volunteer)



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## Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)

### What do you need to know as a **volunteer**?

**WHAT IS ESAR-VHP?**

ESAR-VHP is a secure online public health emergency preparedness registry for ALL Arizona healthcare professionals. This registry system enables hospitals and other medical entities to meet crisis and surge capacity needs as well as ensure the continuance of critical health care services for Arizonans.

**WHERE DO I SIGN UP?**

Volunteers can register in the system at [www.azdhs.gov/volunteer](http://www.azdhs.gov/volunteer). The registry is open to all medical and non-medical personnel, if applicable, you will need to provide information regarding your healthcare license and certifications. Within the system you will be able to select a membership group of interest, such as **COVID-19**. Once registered in the system you will be on a contact list for future opportunities. If you want to improve visibility of your interest, you can also join a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in your local area.

**WHAT MISSIONS CAN I CONSIDER?**

You can choose in your ESAR-VHP Profile about the length and distance you are willing to travel. All missions are voluntary. If notified of a mission, you will not be required to go. Remember to update your profile with the latest contact and license information to help with the volunteer matching process.

**HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED?**

You will receive a notification by the email or phone number on file from a requesting entity, such as a hospital that is interested in your skill set. You will then be given the option to accept or decline that request. The requesting entity will describe if the opportunity provides wages, meals, lodging, transportation or travel reimbursement.

**WHERE DO I GO?**

Upon accepting a mission request from an entity, you will be deployed to a staging area for just in time training. The requesting entity will also provide details which may include safety procedures at the facility and logistics information on group transport to a facility. If unsure of any of the following parameters, contact your field supervisor regarding any issues or questions.

**MY VOLUNTEER MISSION IS OVER. WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

Sign-out with your field supervisor and await instructions for transportation to the staging area or approval that all forms are signed that you can travel home.

Thank you for your service in helping ensure Arizona's health.



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# FDA Provider Resources

- Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Information
  - **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**
    - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Letter of Authorization](#)
    - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
    - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Patients and Caregivers](#)
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  - **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**
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# CDC Provider Resources


- **CDC Provider Resources**

- MMWR: [ACIP Interim Recommendations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- MMWR: [ACIP Interim Recommendations for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccines Website:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>
- [CDC Vaccination Communications Toolkit](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Training Module For Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Training Programs and Reference Materials for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- Provider reimbursement info available at: [HRSA](#) | [CMS](#) | [AHCCCS](#)
- **Clinician On-Call Center:**
  - **1-800-CDC-INFO or 1-800-232-4636**

## CDC Clinician On-Call Center

A service of the CDC COVID-19 Response

CDC developed the Clinician On-Call Center as a resource available to healthcare personnel working to prevent, detect, and respond to COVID-19. The Clinician On-Call Center is a 24-hour hotline with CDC clinicians standing by to field questions about COVID-19.




**To access the Clinician On-Call Center**  
Call the main CDC information line at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) and ask for the Clinician On-Call Center. An agent will then route you to this service.

**Who is it for?**  
The Clinician On-Call Center is available to provide support to healthcare personnel in a variety of settings, including:

- Clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities
- Health departments
- Community organizations
- Long-term care facilities
- Laboratories
- Correctional facilities
- Occupational health clinics

**What support is available?**  
Clinicians are available 24 hours a day to discuss a wide range of COVID-19 topics, including:

- Clinical diagnosis, testing, and management
- Worker safety
- Infection prevention and control
- Home isolation and return-to-work
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Vulnerable populations
- Contact tracing and epidemiology
- Postmortem care



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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# Local Provider Resources

- County informational links are updated on the ADHS website at:  
[www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine](http://www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine)
- COVID Hotline will be available to answer provider questions at  
**1-844-542-8201**

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# **Shifting to Phase 1B: Resources for Employers and General Public**



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# Next Steps

 Find Vaccine

- Continue to partner and coordinate with county health departments and tribal entities on statewide vaccination efforts
- Focus on high level strategies to expand vaccination capacity, including retail pharmacies and high-throughput drive-thru sites for priority populations
- State and local allocators remain committed to serving long-term care (counties have launched additional strike teams in partnership with pharmacies)
- ADHS and local partners have started launching Phase 1B information, including VaccineFinder map, hotline, and FAQs on *“How can I get vaccinated?”*
- **The supply chain remains constrained nationwide and there will not be enough vaccine for everyone this month, but we are hopeful that more vaccine is on its way soon!**



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# Where can I go for more information on COVID-19 vaccine?

**COVID-19 Hotline 1-844-542-8201**

[www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine](http://www.azhealth.gov/covid19vaccine)

## EMPLOYERS

Does your organization employ essential workers? Employers are encouraged to review Phase 1B criteria and complete the [Essential Employer Vaccine Request Form](#).\*

\*Please note this form does not guarantee the request.

## GENERAL PUBLIC

CDC's [VaccineFinder](#) will be updated with provider locations once COVID-19 vaccines are widely available to the public. For more info, go to [www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine](http://www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine).



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# THANK YOU!



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