

TNHAN Friday, December 18, 2020

The Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan can be found here: [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/covid-19/vaccination-plan)

Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA Vaccine

- Arrived in 28 locations Thursday, December 18, 2020
- Thousands of vaccinations have already been administered to the Phase 1a1 population of front-line hospital employees
- Due to ultra-cold storage requirements (-70°C) of the Pfizer vaccines, distribution is limited to facilities that can administer large quantities of vaccines in a very short time and store vaccine under the required conditions
- Distributed to hospitals and medical centers to vaccinate Phase 1a1 staff

Moderna mRNA Vaccine

- Limited doses will arrive in health departments in all 95 counties and select hospitals Dec 21-23, 2020
- Additional allocations will arrive in health departments and hospitals that did not receive Pfizer vaccine Dec 28-30, 2020
- Vaccine is stored in the freezer at -20°C and stable for up to six months, or in the refrigerator and stable for 30 days
- Hospitals will continue to vaccinate their Phase 1a1 staff
- Health departments will vaccinate anyone in Phase 1a1, including first responders with direct public exposure, school health care workers, home health services providers, staff of long-term care facilities, front-line hospital staff, and staff working mass COVID-19 testing sites

Current and Up-coming Phases:

- Tennessee is currently vaccinating individuals qualifying for Phase 1a1 as described in the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan
- Phase 1a2 individuals (out-patient medicine providers and staff) will begin to be vaccinated once the Phase 1a1 population has had an opportunity to receive vaccine
- While vaccine supplies are restricted, priority is given to individuals qualifying for a Phase where the following criteria apply:
 - Age 65 years and older
 - History of solid organ transplant
 - Diabetes types 1 and 2
 - COPD
 - Serious cardiac disease (not including hypertension)
 - Chronic renal disease
 - Sickle cell disease (not including sickle cell trait)
 - BMI \geq 30
 - Undergoing current cancer treatment
- Details of later phases, including the definition of critical infrastructure and prioritization of special populations, remain in draft and will be communicated when finalized

- **There is no central registration to receive vaccine. When an individual's phase is opened, opportunities to receive vaccine will be widely communicated through this weekly TNHAN and other channels**
- Most Phase 1a2 individuals will be vaccinated through their local health departments. As pharmacies and medical offices are on-boarded to receive, store, and administer vaccines, the availability of vaccinating locations will expand

Pandemic Vaccine Providers

To register with the Tennessee Department of Health to receive, store and administer COVID-19 vaccines, please complete the CDC Provider Agreement and Profile found on the TDH COVID-19 Vaccine website: [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Healthcare Providers \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/health/covid-19/vaccine-information-for-healthcare-providers)