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## COVID-19 Vaccination in Maine

# Maine is committed to an accessible, flexible, and equitable vaccination effort.

Due to limited vaccine supply, our vaccination strategy has two immediate goals:

- 1. Save the lives of Maine people at greatest risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.
- 2. Protect those directly engaged in the fight against COVID-19.

Once vaccine supply increases, Maine will offer vaccination to everyone as soon as possible.

To learn more about this process and when you can expect your COVID-19 vaccination, please consult our FAQs (https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/public-faq) and Latest Updates. (https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/updates)

**View Maine's COVID-19 vaccination dashboard (/covid19/vaccines/dashboard)** 

## When can I get vaccinated?

Due to the limits on vaccine supply, Maine is using a phased but flexible approach to ensure every dose the state receives is used to protect the health of Maine people. Vaccines are available only to Maine residents at this time.



# Maine is currently in Phase 1b.

Please review the groups and phases
below to learn when you are eligible for
vaccination. While vaccination is
planned to proceed in this order -starting with the first group in each
phase and then advancing to the next -some overlap and flexibility is expected.
As of early February, only older Mainers
– those 70 and older – qualify for
vaccination in Phase 1b.

## Phase 1a: December through January

- Health Care Personnel
   Needed to Preserve Critical
   Health Care Services
- Residents and Staff of Long-Term Care Facilities
- Other Patient-Facing Health Care Personnel
- Public Safety Personnel
- COVID-19 Response Personnel

#### Phase 1b: February through April

- Older Mainers
- Adults of all Ages With High-Risk Medical Conditions
- Certain Critical Front Line Workers

#### Phase 1c: May and June

 Other Critical Frontline Workers

#### Phase 2: June and Beyond

 Persons aged 16-64 not otherwise eligible in an prior phase.

Read detailed descriptions of each phase to determine when you are

eligible for vaccination. (/covid19/vaccines/phases)

## How to get a vaccination

#### Phase 1a

**Health care, public safety, and critical COVID-19 infrastructure personnel** eligible for vaccination in Phase 1a should contact their employer or their professional associations to learn how to get a vaccine.

#### Phase 1b

**People age 70 and over** may begin getting vaccinated now, subject to vaccine availability and health system readiness. A list of COVID-19 vaccination sites for people 70 and over is now available here (https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites). Additional sites will be added as vaccinations are scheduled.

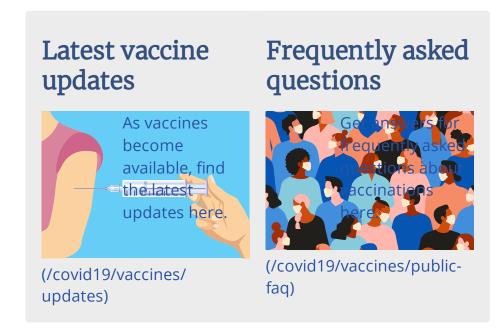
Vaccination information for other Phase 1b groups, **including Maine people aged 65-69**, will be posted here once available.

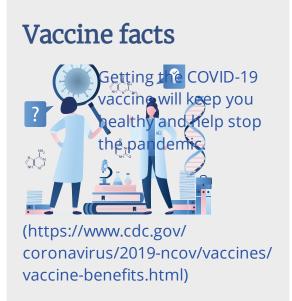
### Phases 1c and 2

**Vaccination information for all other people** eligible in future phases will be posted here as soon as it is available.

## Information for the public

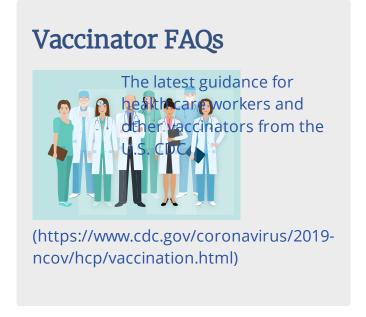
Although the vaccine is here, COVID-19 remains a serious public health crisis. While the vaccination process is underway, Maine people should continue to <a href="wear masks">wear masks</a> (PDF) (https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov.decd/files/inline-files/Face%20Covering%20FAQs.pdf), practice physical distancing and avoid gatherings at all times.





### Information for vaccinators

Maine CDC is working to ensure the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine in Maine. These resources are available to assist and inform you about Maine's COVID-19 vaccination efforts, and will be updated regularly.





(https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/covid-19-providers/index.shtml)

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