



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
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COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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- Utah has been divided into multiple jurisdictions
 - Local Health Departments
 - Health Systems
 - Indian Health Facilities
 - Statewide Coordination



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- Facilities with the capacity to administer vaccines will be enrolled under each phase/wave under their local health districts
 - LTCF, Assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities
 - Healthcare providers (e.g., Pediatrics, family & internal medicine, OB/GYN)
 - Local/regional pharmacies (not enrolled with federal agreements)

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- Facilities who do not have the capacity to administer the vaccine will be referred to the following partners to coordinate coverage at their locations
 - Local health departments
 - Pharmacies with mobile vaccination capacity
 - Community Nursing Services (CNS)

Phased Approach to vaccination



- **Phase 1A/Wave 1: Potentially Limited Doses Available**
- Utah used a Prioritization Workgroup – many partners
- Met on a weekly basis to make determination based on CDC and Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP) of healthcare providers to receive vaccine
 - ED, Urgent care, COVID ward, ICU workers
 - Healthcare workers with pre-existing conditions
 - Housekeeping
 - LTCF staff

Phased Approach to vaccination



- **Wave 1: Limited Doses**
- A select number of hospitals with the highest COVID-19 response will be enrolled to conduct vaccination among their healthcare personnel
 - Each hospital will identify the most at-risk by their health organization
 - U of U Hospital
 - LDS Hospital
 - Intermountain Medical Center
 - Utah Valley Regional Hospital

Phased Approach to vaccination



- **Wave 2 & 3: Additional Doses Available**
- Facility doses during Wave 1 will begin to receive 2nd dose
- Remaining hospital facilities will be enrolled to vaccinate
- Then the remaining healthcare personnel, including clinics, pharmacy staff, Long-Term Care/Assisted Living/Skilled Nursing staff and other healthcare personnel

Phased Approach to vaccination



- **Phase 1B: Additional Doses**
- Wave 1- LTCF residents (e.g., nursing home, assisted living, independent living facility residents)
 - Big chain pharmacies (Walgreen's & CVS) will receive vaccines from the federal government and will contact LTCF to vaccinate residents
- Wave 2 – First responders, EMS personnel, commercial and private sector partners (e.g., pharmacies, doctors' offices, clinics)
- Wave 3 – Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural health Clinics (RHC), public health clinics

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- Phase 2: Large Number of Doses Available, Supply Likely to Meet Demand
 - Provider enrollment will be conducted online through USIIS
 - Smaller pharmacies, doctors offices and clinic enrollment
 - Big chain pharmacies will continue to receive vaccines through the federal government
 - Smaller pharmacies, doctors' offices, clinics, LHD's and others will receive vaccines through the state (Immunization program)
 - General public could receive vaccine

Phased Approach to vaccination



- **Phase 3: Likely Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand**
- Immunization program and local health departments will continue partnerships within public and private sectors to ensure access to the COVID vaccine
- Public will most likely receive vaccine during this phase
- Immunization program monitors vaccine uptake and coverage through population data
- Continued monitoring of vaccine to minimize vaccine wastage and improve coverage throughout local health departments

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- Vaccination outcomes require active monitoring of symptoms and reactions
 - This is reported through Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system (VAERS) (CDC & FDA)
 - VAERS is a national early warning system to detect possible safety problems in U.S. licensed vaccines
 - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) comprises medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on the use of vaccines in the United States
 - COVID vaccine approval and release for use in the U.S. occurs when ACIP votes and approves

THANK YOU!



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