BARTENDERS’ COVID-19 VACCINE HANDBOOK

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Thanks for taking the time to find more information about how you can do your part and get the COVID-19 vaccine! Truly, I can’t think of a more pressing or important issue for our industry than ensuring everyone in our communities is vaccinated and able to safely enjoy food and drinks at our bars and restaurants. By stepping forward and getting vaccinated, you are not only ensuring your safety, you are protecting your family, friends and community. And, for that, I am so proud of you.

Right now, it’s still fairly unclear when hospitality workers will be invited to get a vaccine, but we do have some information compiled here including where each state is in the process, which group hospitality workers fall into and volunteer opportunities where they exist. As we move through the vaccination stages, we will continue to update this guide and are actively seeking out volunteers from each state to step up and offer their journalistic skills to keep their community informed. If you would like to be the designated researcher for your state or county, email us at vaccinateresearch@pdxcw.com.

It should go without saying that no one on the Lush Life team is a medical or public health professional, and the information here may be inaccurate or out of date. So, please be patient with us as we do our best to keep track of the work being done in each state.

We know that we can move past this pandemic and back towards some semblance of normality if we can just encourage our communities to get vaccinated. Thank you for your commitment to your health and the safety of your community.

Stay healthy, safe and vigilant in these last days pre-vaccine,

- Lindsey
Q: How does the vaccine work?
A: The FDA has approved two mRNA vaccines as of the publishing of this guide. You’ve likely heard of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines—both of which are currently being distributed. mRNA vaccines are simple. These vaccines create the spike proteins that look like the outside of the virus. Your immune system learns from these proteins so it can detect and eliminate the virus earlier/faster if you come in contact with it.

For more information, visit the CDC.

Q: Why do I need to get vaccinated?
A: We’re going to level with you. COVID-19 is a deadly and difficult virus. If you don’t end up on a ventilator, you may still lose your ability to taste and smell. You may permanently damage your lungs. And, almost certainly, you will pass the virus to someone else. Getting this vaccine ensures you are safeguarded against the disease, and you are helping our entire society reopen. It is imperative that we all do our part and get vaccinated at our earliest opportunity.

Q: Will I be charged for a COVID-19 vaccine?
A: The vaccine is FREE for everyone. But, if you have insurance (private, Medicare, or Medicaid), bring your card. While you will not be charged, your state will use the funds the insurance companies provide to purchase more vaccines for your neighbors.

Q: Do I need to have insurance?
A: NO. You are not required to have insurance. But, you are encouraged to provide insurance information when you get your vaccine. Most insurance plans will cover the cost of the vaccine administration as preventative care.

Whether or not you have insurance, you will not be charged. The provider will just need to submit a form to the government’s Provider Relief Fund to get paid.
Q: Which vaccines are currently available?
A: Most states have the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines available today. These are both two shot vaccines, which means you will need to get your first shot and then return 3-4 weeks later (depending on the vaccine administered to you) to complete your vaccination.

Johnson & Johnson's vaccine may be available in February if it proves effective and safe.

Novavax is currently in clinical trials.

Q: What group am I in?
A: This is the big question! Honestly, it's hard to tell from most communication, but the CDC does classify hospitality workers as part of group 1C. But, as you'll find out, basically everything depends state to state. In a number of states, there isn't clear detail yet.

We've included any available information about the food service workers’ group in your state on the state's page.

Q: How do I prove I’m eligible?
A: You may be asked to prove eligibility for your group. If your state requires this proof, you can likely use a paystub or work ID along with your government issued ID (Driver’s License, Passport), but each state is different. So, check yours for their requirements.

At the end of this guide, you will also find a template for a letter your employer can provide if your state requires that as well!

Q: Should I wait for the hospitality workers’ grouping in my state or is it faster to use a different designation?
A: It depends. A number of states have health conditions and risk factors ahead of hospitality workers. If you have such risk factors, please check - you may already be eligible to register.

Q: What else can I do?
A: If you’re up for it, several vaccines are in clinical trials. 50% of participants receive a vaccine, and it’s a great way to help your community and the world. We included several clinical trial opportunities we found in the course of our research, but would love to include more. If you know of a clinical trial still seeking participants, let us know!
Q: What should I bring to my vaccination appointment?
A: Every state is different, so check yours for official rules. But, generally, you'll need:
- Government Issued Photo ID (Driver’s License, Passport)
- Proof of Employment (if required)
- Insurance Card (if you have one)
- A Pen
- Easy-To-Remove Sleeve or Sleeveless Shirt

Q: What can I expect at my appointment?
A: When you arrive, someone is going to take your temperature and ask you if you’ve been sick recently. If your temperature is over 100.5F or 38C, you will not be admitted into most facilities.

Hint: if this is a drive up facility, turn off your heater and roll down your windows while you’re waiting. This will keep your body temperature in the safe zone and will not delay you.

You will be asked to fill out some basic paperwork and verify your identity. Once you have your paperwork in order, you will be asked some screening questions.

Next, you get vaccinated! You will be asked to stay 15-30 minutes post-vaccination to ensure you’re all right.

If you get the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, you will need to return for a second shot in one month! **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

Q: Are the vaccines effective against the new strains found in the UK and South Africa?
A: Moderna and Pfizer have both shown that their vaccines are quite effective against the new strains found in the UK and likely South Africa. Johnson & Johnson's studies show a significant, but lower amount of protection from these new variants in the short term. Because reducing the number of infections is critical to reducing new variants and keeping our community safe, getting any of these vaccines will make a difference. If these vaccines show less protection from future variants, expect that a booster shot will most likely be made available.
Q: I don’t see the info I need!
A: This guide will be regularly updated, so refresh this link for the latest version. If you have the mental and emotional capacity to help our efforts, we are always looking for folx to lend their local expertise. This is a community effort that only works when we work together. If you have questions - ask us, and we'll add what we can to this document. If you know something we should know, tell us so everyone else can know! If you would like to volunteer to be the lead in your city, send us a note. We can use the help!

Q: How do I get updates for this PDF?
A: We plan to post updated versions of this guide at pdxcw.com/vaccine. Check the front page of the PDF to see the date your version was last edited. To make sure you have the latest news from Lush Life (including updates to this PDF), we recommend signing up for our newsletter to stay up to date on all our work, including this guide.
Alabama is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Vaccination Details
- Vaccine Allocation Plan (PDF)
- Distribution Dashboard

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

- Map of Vaccine Providers (link at the bottom of screen)
- Information Hotline: 800-270-7268
- Scheduling Hotline: 855-566-5333

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in **Group 1C**. Currently, there is no scheduled start date for this group.

As of publication, the state is in **Group 1A**, and expects to move to **Group 1B** by February 8th.

Alabama is organizing vaccinations on the state level, and plans to make updates available on the **Vaccine Details** page. Once your group is able, call the **Scheduling Hotline** 8am to 5pm each day to make your appointment.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

You can volunteer to help the Alabama Department of Public Health by filling out this form.

To volunteer your help with the vaccination effort, email thresa.dix@adph.state.al.us with your contact information.

**USEFUL LINKS**

- Upcoming Vaccine Clinics.
Alaska is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Vaccine Status  
Scheduling (not all providers are using this site)  
Full List of Providers  
Distribution Dashboard

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Alaska Vaccine Information: covid19vaccine@alaska.gov  
Alaska Vaccine Appointment Hotline: 907-646-3322

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers have not been explicitly placed into a group, but it may be Phase 1C. We strongly suggest providing feedback to the state through this form to make sure it happens.

Alaska is currently in Phase 1A and 1B Tier 1. Phase 1B Tiers 2-4 are next, but there is currently no timeline. We expect information about upcoming stages to be released on the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services website.

Please note that if you’re over 50 with 2 or more high risk health conditions or over 16 and part of an unserved community, you will be eligible for Phases 1B-3 or 1B-4 regardless of occupation.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Alaska is generally looking for state emergency volunteers.

Sign up to help distribute the COVID Vaccine in Valdez by emailing: rcragun@valdezak.gov

**USEFUL LINKS**

State Vaccine FAQ
Arizona is managing vaccination at the county level, so many contacts will vary by county. We are including state level and county level links where possible.

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

State COVID Hotline: [844-542-8201](tel:844-542-8201)
State Vaccine Details
List and map of vaccination sites by county
Pima County Vaccine Scheduling
Pima County Health Department: [520-724-7770](tel:520-724-7770)
Maricopa County Vaccine Scheduling
Maricopa County Health Department: [602-506-3011](tel:602-506-3011)
Vaccine Scheduling for POD Locations: Maricopa Goodyear, Maricopa Chandler and State Farm Stadium.

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Arizona food service workers are in Phase 1B. Employers are able to fill out [this form](https://example.com) to notify the states of their staff needs.
Arizonans can find their county’s information [in this PDF](https://example.com).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Arizona Emergency Volunteer Sign Up
There are no current vaccine volunteering opportunities (that we can find!). If you know of any specific opportunities, [send them our way](mailto:example@vaccine.com) so we can include them in this guide.

**USEFUL LINKS**

Arizona Vaccination Plan
Arkansas is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Arkansas Vaccination Plan and Detail Website
List of Pharmacies for Tier 2

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Department of Health Phone: 800-803-7847
Department of Health Email

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in Group 1C. Arkansas expects to begin this group’s vaccination in April. As of publication, the state is in Group 1B Tier 1.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

SERV and MRC Volunteer Programs are the primary ways to volunteer for vaccine distribution. Jefferson County is looking for volunteers to help at the Pine Bluff Convention Center Site. Call (870) 730-2000, ext. 7 for more information on helping.

**USEFUL LINKS**

Arkansas Phase Guide

When you’re eligible, you can schedule a vaccine at Walgreens and UAMS vaccination clinic among others.
CALIFORNIA

California is managing vaccination at the county level, so many contacts will vary by county. We are including state level and county level links where possible.

Since there are 58 counties, we listed the 10 most populous on this page. You can also use this state provided list, which includes all the county portals.

STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Statewide Vaccination Guide
List of All County Portals + Alert Sign-Up
LA County Info Hub
LA County Vaccine Dashboard + Alert Sign-Up
San Diego County Info Hub
San Diego County Vaccine Appointments
Orange County Vaccine Tracker
Orange County Vaccine Sign-Up
Riverside County Vaccine Portal
San Bernardino County Vaccine Portal
San Bernardino County Vaccine Sign-Up
Santa Clara County Vaccine Portal + Sign-Up
Alameda County Vaccine Portal + Sign-Up
Sacramento County Vaccine Info (email)
Contra Costa County Vaccine Provider List + Info
San Francisco Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

Would you like us to list your county’s info here? Let us know.
California has not yet designated a specific group for food service workers.

The Community Vaccine Advisory Committee which determines vaccine roll-out rules meets regularly, and is accepting comments from the public via email - we strongly encourage you to clearly communicate why Food Worker vaccinations are so important.

Each CA county has its own distribution plan based on CVAC findings, so it’s really important to make your voices heard at this level.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- State-Wide Volunteer Portal
- California Health Corps
- OC Vaccine Volunteer Portal
- LA County Vaccine Volunteer Portal
- San Bernardino County Vaccine Volunteer Portal
- Santa Clara County COVID Volunteer Portal
- Alameda County Vaccine Volunteer Portal
- Contra Costa County Volunteer Portal

**USEFUL LINKS**

- UCSF clinical trials
Colorado is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Vaccination Dashboard and Details
Latest Vaccine Details

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Information Hotline: 303-389-1687
Denver Public Health: 303-602-3700

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in Phase 2. Colorado expects to begin this group’s vaccination in the Spring.

As of publication, the state is in Phase 1A + 1B and will begin vaccinating teachers and residents 65+ on February 8th.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

You can sign up to help the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizers.
This is a general form to sign up to volunteer and currently has no connection to the vaccination process.
If you know of any volunteer opportunities in your state, let us know! We’ll include those details in the next version of this publication.

**USEFUL LINKS**

Colorado Vaccine FAQ
SCL Health’s Rapid On-Call List
Connecticut is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- State Vaccination Roll-Out Dashboard
- VAMS Enrollment for Employers
- VAMS for Eligible Individuals
- Connecticut Department of Public Health

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Connecticut food service workers are in Phase 1B. The state expects to begin this group’s vaccination soon.

Phase 1B employers should sign up to include their employees in this round of vaccines through the VAMS portal or the vaccine clinics listed here. Eligible independent contractors can sign up themselves.

As of publication, the state is in Phase 1A and 75+ residents and expects to start scheduling for Phase 1B soon.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND TRIALS**

- Connecticut COVID Vaccine Volunteer Sign Up
- Redding Health Department Volunteer Sign Up
- Yale Clinical Trials
Delaware is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

STATE RESOURCES

**Delaware Vaccine Information**

You can call the Division of Public Health Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or email Vaccine@delaware.gov.

Individuals with general questions about coronavirus can call 2-1-1 or for people who are deaf, or hard of hearing, please text your ZIP code to 898-211. For those with specific health-related questions, email us at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Right now, Delaware is in Phase 1B. Food service workers are in ‘Remaining Group 1,’ which is set to begin in March 2021.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Delaware Does More lists a number of volunteer opportunities including everything from mask making for healthcare workers to helping Meals on Wheels deliver supplies.

At the moment, there are not specific opportunities to volunteer in exchange for a vaccine.

**USEFUL DETAILS**

Delaware is in need of supplementary blood for their blood banks. If you can, schedule a donation here. It is also worth noting that the wait times in Delaware have been excessively long. If you schedule an appointment, it is advisable to clear your schedule, and be ready to wait!
Florida is managing vaccination on a mix of state, county, and city level, so many details will be local. We are including state and local level information where possible. For updates about the vaccine and distribution, text FLCOVID19 to 888777.

Let’s be honest. DeSantis has made exactly the kind of mess we all knew he would. Seemingly, Florida will put an end to vaccine tourism soon, and will be putting tighter constraints on who can get a vaccine and when. Having said that, with a little effort, we are fairly confident hospitality workers (or anyone with enough effort) can get vaccinated now. Currently, Florida says that they are only vaccinating healthcare workers and those over 65 years old, and there are seemingly no further communicated plans. We suggest creating an account at Patient Portal and checking daily to sign-up.

St. Augustine: If you are interested in helping out with COVID vaccine proliferation, there are a few opportunities through St. John’s. NOTE: Volunteering here does not ensure you will get vaccinated.
Georgia does not currently indicate when food service workers will be able to get a vaccine, but this group may fall into Phase 1B or 3. There is no current start date for these Phases. Georgia is currently in Phase 1A+.

You can sign up to help with the vaccination effort through Georgia Responds. If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
HAWAI‘I

Hawai‘i is managing vaccination at the county level, so many contacts will vary by county. We are including state level and county level links where possible.

STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Vaccination Dashboard
Vaccine Info
Register for the Vaccine

Scheduling:
O‘ahu Pacific Health
Kaua‘i
Maui
Hawai‘i

VACCINE CONTACTS

Hawai‘i Department of Health: 808-586-4400

PRIORITY GROUPING

Food service workers will likely be in Phase 1C or Phase 2.
Hawai‘i is currently in Phase 1B and is looking to move to 1C in the Spring of 2021.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At this time, we haven’t found any opportunities to volunteer in Hawai‘i.
If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
Idaho is managing vaccination at the district level, so many contacts will vary by district. We are including state level and district level links where possible.

STATE RESOURCES

Idaho Vaccine FAQ
Idaho Vaccine Distribution Timeline
Idaho Vaccine Dashboard
Idaho Vaccine Hub

VACCINE CONTACTS

Idaho District Health Department Contacts

PRIORITY GROUPING

We were unable to find a specific mention of food service workers, but this group will likely fall into Group 3, which is expected to start at the end of March or early April.

As of publication, the state is in Groups 1 and 2. More information can be found on Idaho’s Vaccine Distribution Timeline.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Idaho Medical Reserve Corps is how Idaho recommends you volunteer.

We have not found any specific volunteer opportunities for vaccine distribution.

If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
Illinois is managing vaccination at the county and city level, so many contacts will vary by area. We are including state and local level information where possible.

STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Illinois State Vaccination Dashboard
Chi COVID Coach (including Vaccine Registration)
Cook County Vaccine Portal
Cook County Vaccine Update Sign-Up
DuPage County Vaccine Portal
DuPage County Vaccine Update Sign-Up
Lake County Vaccine Portal
Lake County Vaccine Update Sign-Up
Will County Vaccine Portal
Will County Vaccine Update Sign-Up

PRIORITY GROUPING

Food service workers are expected to be in Phase 1C, which is currently still in draft form.

As of publication, Illinois has started Phase 1B and will likely be in this phase for a number of weeks. Chicago expects Phase 1C to start around March 29th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois Helps!
Indiana is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Vaccine Information
Vaccine Dashboard
Vaccination Site Map and Portal

VACCINE CONTACTS

General questions about COVID-19 may be directed to:
IDOH Epidemiology Resource Center
Toll-Free Phone Number: 877-826-0011

PRIORITY GROUPING

The vaccination of Hoosiers against COVID-19 has begun. Any Hoosier age 70 and older is now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment, as are long-term care residents, first responders (fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, reservists and volunteers) who have in-person contact with the public and licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers who have in-person contact with patients or infectious material in any healthcare setting.

Food service workers are slated to receive vaccines in Phase 2 under the current vaccination plan. There is no scheduled date for Phase 2 to start yet.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

State Emergency Registry of Volunteers for Indiana.
If you are not medically trained but want to be involved, there are still opportunities to help with registration and other administrative tasks.
Iowa is managing vaccination at the county level, so many details will be local. We are including state and local level information where possible.

STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Iowa Department of Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Information, Sign-Up for Polk County (Des Moines) Linn County Vaccine Info Scott County Vaccine Info Dallas County Vaccine Sign-Up Story County Vaccine Info

VACCINE CONTACTS

Iowa Department of Health: 515-281-7689 COVID-19 Hotline: 211

PRIORITY GROUPING

Iowa is currently in Phase 1A and is scheduled to move to 1B on February 1st. Food service workers will likely fall into Phase 1B Tier 2 or Phase 1C. To make sure this happens as early as possible, please email the director of Iowa’s Infectious Disease Advisory Council and make sure they know it’s critical to include food service workers in these early vaccination phases.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Keokuk County needs vaccine distribution volunteers. Novavax Trial
Kansas is managing vaccination at the county level, so many contacts will vary by county. We are including state level and county level links where possible.

**STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES**

- Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Information
- State Vaccine Dashboard
- State Prioritization Plan
- State Vaccine Finder

- Johnson County Vaccine Hub
- Johnson County Phase 2 Interest Form
- Sedgwick County Vaccine Hub
- Shawnee County Vaccine Hub
- Shawnee County Phase 2 Interest Form

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Kansas food service workers are expected to be in Phase 2, which has already started in many counties.

If you set up a MyChart with Kansas Health System, they will notify you when you can get your vaccine.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- KC COVID Care Force
- Sedgwick County Volunteer Recruitment

If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Kentucky Vaccine Survey + Alert Sign-Up
General Information
Phase Chart
Full COVID Vaccination Plan

Regional Vaccination Sites:

- Lexington (scroll down to Kentucky)
- Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville (859) 936-8350
- Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah
- Lourdes Mercy Hospital in Paducah

VACCINE CONTACTS

COVID Hotline (800) 722-5725
Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (502)574-6520

PRIORITY GROUPING

Food service workers are in Phase 1C, which is set to begin on 2/1. Governor Beshear clarified in a press conference that hospitality workers are essential.

Currently, Kentucky is still in Phase 1B, which is focused on vaccinating educators and first responders along with any person over the age of 65.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kentucky invites citizens of the Commonwealth to volunteer in exchange for early access to a vaccine. After 40 hours, you will be invited to sign up for a vaccination. To volunteer, click here.

USEFUL LINKS

Sign up for details in Louisville here.
Louisiana is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

STATE RESOURCES

- Louisiana Vaccine Locations
- Louisiana Vaccination Plan
- New Orleans Vaccine Hub

PRIORITY GROUPING

Food service workers will likely be in Phase 1C, as the state expects it will follow the evolving CDC guidelines. At this time, they have not made public if they’re taking feedback from the community through a specific channel. We recommend contacting the Louisiana Health Department and the New Orleans Mayor’s office for more information and to advocate for hospitality workers.

Louisiana is currently in Phase 1B Tier 1.

The state expects to move into 1C in early 2021, but no specific date was found.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ready NOLA Vaccine Volunteering

USEFUL LINKS

- Ongoing Vaccine Trials
- V-Safe After-Vaccine Health App
  
Text COVIDNOLA to 888777 to receive alerts.

- Vaccine Wait Lists (from WWL TV)

NOLA DePaul Clinics Vaccine sign up: 504-207-1080
DePaul has two stand-by lists. One is for those currently eligible and the other stand-by list is for those who are not yet eligible, but would like to volunteer for a vaccine if one becomes available.
As of publication, Maryland is in Phase 1C. Food service workers are expected to be in Phase 2, along with people over 16 who have significant underlying medical conditions.

The state has adopted a rolling vaccine allocation model, meaning it may not wait for every member of a particular group to get vaccinated before moving ahead; individuals will still have the opportunity to be vaccinated in subsequent phases.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Maryland Responds  
Baltimore County Volunteers  
If you know of any vaccine specific opportunities, send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
Maine is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Maine Vaccine Hub  
Maine Vaccination Sites  
Maine Department of Health and Human Services

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Maine food service workers are in Phase 1C. The state expects to begin this group’s vaccination in May and June.  
As of publication, Maine is in Phase 1A and expects to start Phase 1B in February.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Maine Ready

If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
Massachusetts is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Hub
- Massachusetts Phase Timeline
- Massachusetts Vaccination Sites
- MA Department of Public Health
- MA Vaccine Alerts

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Massachusetts food service workers are in Phase 2. The state expects to begin this group’s vaccination in February-March. As of publication, the state is in Phase 1.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- MA Responds

If you know of any other volunteer opportunities, please send them our way so we can include them in this guide.
Michigan is managing vaccination at the county level, so the contacts and details below are both state and local links. If you don’t see your county on this list, let us know!

**STATE RESOURCES**

- State-Wide Vaccine Information
- State-Wide Vaccine Dashboard
- MI COVID Alert App
- Detroit Vaccine Updates and Scheduling
- Wayne County Vaccine Updates and Provider List
- Oakland County Vaccine Registration and Dashboard
- Macomb County Vaccine Portal
- Kent County Vaccine Portal
- Ottawa County Vaccine Portal + Vaccine Notification
- Muskegon County Vaccine Portal

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are not explicitly listed in Phase 1C, but may be in this group. Participating in upcoming virtual town halls and contacting the Michigan Department of Health are two good ways to make sure our industry is taken into consideration.

**VOLUNTEER AND TRIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Michigan State-Wide Volunteer Opportunities
- U of M Vaccine Trials
Minnesota is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard
- MN Vaccine Phases and Planning

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

MN Helpline: **651-297-1304** (Weekdays - from 9am-4pm)

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Minnesota is currently in Phase 1A. Food service workers will likely be in Phase 1C, according to the December 30th Advisory Committee minutes, however they have not published a definite ruling yet.

**VOLUNTEERING**

MN Responds

**USEFUL LINKS & DETAILS**

- MN Vaccine Allocation Advisory Group
- COVIDaware MN Exposure Notification

The nine Minnesota vaccination locations are: Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Fergus Falls, Marshall, Mountain Iron, North Mankato, Rochester, St. Cloud and Thief River Falls. Appointments for pilot sites will be made available every Tuesday at noon.

Phone Registration: **612-426-7230**

Online Registration
Mississippi is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

STATE RESOURCES

Mississippi Vaccine Information
Eligibility and Appointments
Screening and Scheduling
Vaccination Statistics

VACCINE CONTACTS

Department of Health: email or 601-576-7400
Mississippi COVID Hotline: (877) 978-6453

PRIORITY GROUPING

The phase for food service workers in Mississippi is currently unknown. We strongly suggest signing up for the state’s email updates at the bottom of the page here to stay up to date.

Mississippi is currently vaccinating persons with chronic health conditions, which includes smoking and high BMI, among others.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Mississippi

USEFUL DETAILS

According to the state: “The recent increase in online vaccination appointments has scheduled all of Mississippi’s current vaccine supply. Appointments are expected to resume in mid-February when we receive a new vaccine shipment.”
Missouri is managing vaccination at the state and county level, so the contacts and details below reflect state and local information.

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

- Missouri Vaccine Information
- Missouri Department of Health email or 877-435-8411
- Missouri Vaccine Provider Map
- Kansas City Vaccine Information Request
- St. Louis Vaccine Information Request

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in Phase 2. Missouri is currently in Phase 1B-1, and 1B-2.

Many counties and cities have opt in forms that allow you to be contacted when your phase starts. We recommend filling these out.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- St. Louis Point of Dispensing Emergency Volunteer Sign-Up

There is currently no known volunteer opportunity specifically for vaccine distribution.

- Vaccine Waitlist by County (fox2news)
Montana’s Full Plan

STATE RESOURCES

VACCINE CONTACTS

You can find your county public health office contact information through this form.

PRIORITY GROUPING

Frontline Essential Workers are in Group 1C, which is not yet scheduled.

Montana is currently in Phase 1B, which includes Montanans 16 to 69 years of age with a high-risk medical condition, and American Indians and other persons of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications. There is no scheduled time for Phase 1C.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At this time, we haven’t found any volunteering opportunities available in Montana. If you know of any, send them our way so we can include them in this guide.

USEFUL DETAILS

If you are Native, you are already eligible for a vaccine in Montana. Those who are Black, Latin or Asian are also allowed to participate in Phase 1B. Additionally, if you have any co-morbidities including obesity, asthma and diabetes, you will be eligible for Phase 1B.
Nebraska is managing vaccination at the county level, so at least some details will be local, not state level.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Vaccination Dashboard
- Vaccine Registration for Nebraska Residents
- Sarpy County Vaccine Portal

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: (402) 471-6423

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Nebraska is beginning Phase 1B and is scheduled to move to Phase 2 in May 2021. Food service workers are in Phase 2.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Novavax vaccine trial - Omaha
- Eastern Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps

There are currently no known volunteer opportunities specifically for vaccine distribution.

**USEFUL DETAILS**

Nebraska is one of the few states that is not inviting hospitality workers in Phase 1. We recommend reaching out to your local public health officials to change this policy.
Sign up through this portal.
Service Industry will be in Tier 1C or Tier 2, but Nevada has not yet indicated which designation hospitality workers will get. Much like all of the information in this document, Tiers are subject to change and adjust!

STATE RESOURCES

Washoe County Health District: (775) 328-2400
Southern Nevada Health District: (702) 759-1000
Individuals and employers interested in the COVID-19 vaccine, can complete this form.
Nevada’s Full COVID Vaccine Plan

VACCINE CONTACTS

To find out when you can be vaccinated check out your county’s plan at NVCOVIDFighter.org, nevada211.org or Call 211 or 1-866-535-5654.

PRIORITY GROUPING

Find the current Tier being vaccinated.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All volunteer opportunities run through Immunize Nevada.
All residents not in a previous phase will be in Phase 3B (this includes food service workers). Some preference will be given to those with co-morbidities.

**STATE RESOURCES**

To check when you will be eligible, New Hampshire made this useful tool. Here is a brief rundown of New Hampshire's plan. When you are eligible, you can sign up here.

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services: Vaccine Questions: (603) 271-4482 or Dial 211.

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

New Hampshire is currently in Phase 1B. Food service workers are in Phase 3B and should expect to start the process in May. You can find the phases here.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

This link offers opportunities in New Hampshire as a state emergency volunteer.

There is currently no known volunteer opportunity specifically for vaccine distribution. Vaccine trials are also happening in New Hampshire. Click through to see if you’re eligible.
New Jersey is managing vaccination at the state level, so the contacts and details below are state-wide.

**STATE RESOURCES**

New Jersey Vaccination Hub
Vaccine Registration Portal

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers may be in Phase 1C, however this is not yet official. New Jersey is currently in Phase 1B, which includes many persons at high risk, such as smokers and those with high BMI.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

NJ Medical Corps Volunteer Sign-Up
Help NJ Now Sign-Up
Essex County Volunteer Email
South Orange & Maplewood Volunteer Sign-Up
Bergen County Volunteer Sign-Up

**USEFUL DETAILS**

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts
Download the COVID Alert NJ app.
WHYY explains how to register for vaccination in New Jersey.
New Mexico is scheduling appointments state-wide through this system.

**STATE RESOURCES**

New Mexico’s Vaccine Plan Overview

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

New Mexico Department of Health:
Hotline: [1-855-600-3453](tel:1-855-600-3453)
Vaccine Registration

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

New Mexico is currently in Phase 1B. Phase 1C is scheduled to begin in the Spring in 2021.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Currently, New Mexico is recruiting volunteers for future vaccine distribution. There is no explicit edict guaranteeing a vaccine for volunteers, but this is a great way to serve your community!

**USEFUL LINKS**

AstraZeneca Vaccine Trial in Albuquerque
New York is managing vaccination at the state level, but there are multiple sign-up locations. Below, you will find contacts and details for both state-wide and local resources.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- New York Vaccination Hub
- New York State Vaccination Center Sign-Up
- New York City Vaccine Finder
- Capital Region Vaccine Network

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers may be in Phase 1C, however this is not yet official. New York is currently in Phase 1A and expects to move to Phase 1B in February.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- NYC Volunteer Portal
- New York State Volunteer Portal

**USEFUL LINKS**

Download the [COVID Alert NY app](https://www.covidalertny.com). If someone offers you vaccine for payment, that’s a red flag - report it to [833-VAX-SCAM](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/covid/vaccine/fraud.htm) or [STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov](mailto:STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov). New York Magazine’s [How to Sign Up for a COVID Vaccine in New York](https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/03/01/how-to-sign-up-for-a-covid-vaccine-in-new-york)
North Carolina is managing vaccination at the county level, so while some information available is state-wide, we’ve also included details on NC’s largest counties. If you don’t see your county on this list, let us know!

**GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

- North Carolina Vaccine Portal
- North Carolina Vaccine Provider List
- North Carolina’s Find my Vaccine Group Site
- Mecklenburg County Vaccine Information + Sign-Up
- Wake County Vaccine Information + Sign-Up
- Guliford County Vaccine Information + Sign-Up

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

COVID-19 Hotline 1-877-490-6642

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are part of Group 3. Currently, North Carolina is vaccinating Group 1. Expect to sign up for vaccination through your county, but for now, make sure to sign up for updates from the state by filling out this form and checking off Group 3.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- NC Volunteer Opportunities
- NC Volunteer Signup
North Dakota is managing vaccination state-wide through [this dashboard](#).

### STATE RESOURCES

- [North Dakota’s Full COVID-19 Plan](#)
- Here’s a map of [where all vaccinations are being distributed](#) across the state.
- [North Dakota Vaccine Locator](#)
- [North Dakota Immunization Guidance](#)

### VACCINE CONTACTS

- [North Dakota Department of Health: 701-328-2372](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline: [1-866-207-2880](#)

### PRIORITY GROUPING

North Dakota is JUST beginning Phase 1B and there is no known date for future Phases.

- Food service workers are explicitly excluded from Phase 1 and should expect to be included in Phase 2.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At this time we haven’t found any volunteering opportunities available in North Dakota. If you know of any, send them our way so we can include them in this guide.

- The North Dakota Veteran’s Affairs hospitals are offering opportunities for both veterans and civilians (over the age of 18) to participate in vaccine trials. You can sign up here.
- Sanford Health also has trial opportunities.
- Lillestol needs volunteers for their trials too!
Ohio is managing vaccination at the provider and county level, so while some information available is state-wide, local links are included here too.

If you don’t see your local info on this list, let us know!

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Ohio Vaccine Information
- Ohio Vaccine Provider Locations
- Ohio Vaccine Dashboard
- Franklin County Vaccine Portal
- Cuyahoga County Vaccine Portal + Notification Form
- Columbus Vaccine Portal + “No Waste” Sign-Up
- COVID Call Center 1-833-4-ASK-ODH

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

As of publication, Ohio is in Phase 1B (K-12 Teachers) in certain counties.

There is currently no information on timing or who will be included in future phases. The latest information on phases is available [here](#).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Ohio Responds Specific for vaccination and COVID response.
- Serve Ohio General volunteering opportunities.

**USEFUL LINKS**

News5 Cleveland has a COVID/Vaccine Resource Center that is updated daily.
Oklahoma is managing appointments through their dashboard, which you can find here.

STATE RESOURCES

Oklahoma’s Full COVID Plan
Oklahoma’s Vaccine Portal

VACCINE CONTACTS

Oklahoma State Department of Health: 405-271-5600
COVID-19 Call Center: 2-1-1

PRIORITY GROUPING

Restaurant workers are deemed essential by the governor, and, as such, are in Phase 3.
Oklahoma has begun vaccinating limited groups in Phase 2.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps is looking for volunteers. You can sign up here.
OU needs help too.
And, Lynn Institute needs volunteers for their trials. You can read more here.

USEFUL LINKS

News9 has compiled a list of local health department Facebook pages that may provide more relevant local info.
Oregon has only defined the requirements for Phase 1 eligibility, but has indicated that some preference will be given to essential workers (like you!). While the state seemingly is allowing counties to distribute, the platform is statewide, and can be found here: Oregon’s Vaccine Portal.

### STATE RESOURCES

- Oregon’s Full Plan
- Eligibility App (Hint: Scroll to Mid-Page)

### VACCINE CONTACTS

- Multnomah CO Health Dept [email]
  phone: 503-988-3674

- Oregon Health Authority
  971-673-1222  503-988-8939
  (Mon.– Fri., 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.) (Sat. – Sun., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

### PRIORITY GROUPING

Food service workers have not yet received a Phase assignment. As of January 25th, Oregon has entered Phase 1B (Educators and Elderly) to be phased in throughout February. The timeline for further phases is still under development.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

While there are no specific designations for vaccines in exchange for volunteer hours, Oregon is asking for volunteer support. You can opt in here.

Asante has similar opportunities in the Southern part of Oregon.

Astra Zeneca is looking for clinical trial volunteers in Portland. You can sign up here.
Pennsylvania is distributing vaccines at a number of different levels. The links below are a mix of state and local resources.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- PA Vaccine Dashboard
- PhilaVax Enrolment and Vaccine Interest Form
- Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) Vaccine Info

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Pennsylvania Department of Health **1-877-724-3258**

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in Phase 1C. Currently, the state is in **Phase 1A** which includes persons with **high-risk conditions** such as smoking and high BMI, among others.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- ServPA
- Delaware County
- Philadelphia County
- Allegheny County

**USEFUL LINKS**

Download the [COVID Alert PA app](https://www.covidalertpa.com/). Please note: Philly Fighting COVID **is no longer a viable resource for vaccination**. If you previously signed up with them, we recommend signing up through Philadelphia’s vaccine interest form.
Rhode Island is vaccinating using a primarily age-based approach, with accelerated distribution to individuals in the most vulnerable geographies and individuals with health conditions known to put them at higher risk. To see Rhode Island’s timeline, click the vaccine timeline.

STATE RESOURCES

You can read more about Rhode Island’s plans here. And, you can see the full plan here.

VACCINE CONTACTS

Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 222-5960

PRIORITY GROUPING

Rhode Island Department of Health shared it’s current timeline and will continue to post updates here.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rhode Island Responds is looking for medical and community volunteers to help their efforts in distributing the vaccine. There are no indications you will receive a vaccine for helping.
South Carolina offers a COVID-19 vaccine dashboard, which is your first source for all information. Currently, all appointments must be set up with individual providers (local hospitals, Publix, etc.), and there is no state or county-wide access.

STATE RESOURCES

Vaccine Locator

VACCINE CONTACTS

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control:
803-898-3432 info@dhec.sc.gov
DHEC Hotline 1-855-472-3432

PRIORITY GROUPING

South Carolina is in Phase 1A.
Food service workers are in Phase 1C, which is scheduled to start in late Spring 2021.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

South Carolina is asking for anyone with medical knowledge or clerical/administration background to volunteer here.
Medical University of South Carolina COVID Vaccine Volunteers
South Dakota is managing vaccination county-by-county. **Find your county to determine your available providers here.**

**STATE RESOURCES**

South Dakota Vaccination Plan  
Vaccination Dashboard  
Monument Health Waitlist

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

South Dakota Department of Health:  
1-800-738-2301  
DOH.info@state.sd.us

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

South Dakota designates food service workers as **Phase 1E**, which starts in April.  
However, adults of any age with 2 or more of the **listed underlying conditions** are in Phase 1D, which may start in March.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

You have two options in South Dakota: [SERVSD (SD Emergency Volunteers)](https://servsd.org) and [South Dakota Department of Health](https://health.sd.gov). Both organizations are looking for volunteers for their COVID-19 response teams.
Tennessee

Tennessee is administering vaccines at the county level. To find more information about your county and your eligibility, click through to Tennessee’s very easy-to-use portal.

STATE RESOURCES

Current Tennessee Phase
Find out when your county is vaccinating your group.
Find an appointment.

VACCINE CONTACTS

Tennessee COVID Hotline: 1-877-857-2945

PRIORITY GROUPING

Hospitality workers have no special designation in Tennessee, and will be asked to sign up when their age group is called.
You can expect a vaccine in the late Spring or Summer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Tennessee offers regular opportunities to volunteer, but there are no current COVID initiatives.

USEFUL DETAILS

Tennessee has not given front line workers like you any preference in their process. We recommend that you reach out to your local government officials and let them know you deserve to be vaccinated.
Texas is managing vaccination hubs locally, and registration is not centralized. Below, you will find contacts and details for both state-wide and local resources.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Texas Vaccine Homepage
- Texas Vaccine Hub List
- Vaccine Availability Map
- Dallas Vaccine Pre-Registration
- Harris County (Houston) Vaccine Pre-Registration
- Tarrant County (Fort Worth) Vaccine Pre-Registration
- Austin Vaccine Pre-Registration
- Collin County Vaccine Pre-Registration
- El Paso Vaccine Pre-Registration
- San Antonio Vaccine Registration (no pre-registration currently available)

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers may be in a future priority phase, however this is not yet official. Texas has a panel which is currently working on those decisions.

It is important that they hear from our community while making that decision. We haven’t found a direct line of contact for them yet, but the Department of State Health Services is a good place to start.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

OneStar Foundation - Links to volunteer opportunities both in person and remote.
Utah is currently rolling out appointments through local jurisdictions, and does not have a statewide plan. We suggest you sign up for updates from the state here.

**STATE RESOURCES**

Utah’s COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Utah asks that you reach out to your local health department.

If you are Native, you can find further information about vaccine distribution here.

Utah County (Provo) residents can text UCHEALTH to 888777 to get COVID Vaccine Text Alerts.

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers do not have a special designation in Utah. Currently, Utah is vaccinating those 70 and older. Utah expects the vaccine to be available to all Utahns sometime between April and July.

Food service workers can expect to receive the vaccine when it is open to the public.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

You can find volunteer opportunities that range from sewing to dropping supplies at UServe.

You can find COVID specific opportunities for the Provo area at Utah County.

The University of Utah is offering vaccine trial opportunities as well.

**USEFUL DETAILS**

Salt Lake County has allocated all vaccine doses through 2/27. Those 70 and older can sign up here to be alerted when appointments become available again.
Vermont does not currently have a way to sign up appointments, and seems to be rolling out information by county. Beginning on Monday (1/25), Vermont says they will be rolling out their online sign up portal. Here’s a video on how to use that portal. You can find details on their progress here.

STATE RESOURCES

Weekly COVID-19 Update Sign-Up
Vermont Vaccine FAQ

VACCINE CONTACTS

Vermont Department of Health:
802-863-7200 800-464-4343

PRIORITY GROUPING

The state expects to be able to administer vaccines to those 65 and older and those with high risk health conditions by the Spring.
No details have been found about when Vermonters outside of these groups will receive the vaccine.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Vermont offers paid and volunteer opportunities to help COVID-19 vaccine distribution.
AstraZeneca has opportunities to join their vaccine trial.

USEFUL DETAILS

AARP has some speculative information about future vaccine roll-out phases for Vermont.
Virginia is offering appointments at the local level — specifically, individual pharmacies, hospitals and providers to both schedule and distribute vaccines. All of the information you need to get vaccinated in Virginia can be found through their portal here.

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Virginia FAQ Page
- Virginia Vaccine Portal

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Virginia recommends reaching out to your local health department. You can find the contact information for your local department here.

- Fairfax County Vaccine Registration
- Alexandria Vaccine Pre-Registration
- Loudon County Vaccine Information and Texts
- Prince William County Information and Texts

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

The state is currently in Phase 1A and 1B of vaccine distribution, which includes persons with underlying medical conditions such as high BMI and smoking. Restaurant workers will fall into Phase 1C.

No timeline has been given by the state.

To verify where you and/or your family can register for a vaccine, check this portal here.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Virginia Volunteer Health System is currently looking for volunteers. You can sign up here.

**USEFUL DETAILS**

- Virginia COVID-19 app
WASHINGTON

Washington is rolling out vaccination clinics across the state on a county basis.

STATE RESOURCES

WA Vaccine Locations
WA Vaccine Phase Finder
WA Vaccine Question Email

PRIORITY GROUPING

Washington is currently in Phase 1B Tier 1, of vaccine distribution. Food service workers are expected to be in Phase 1B Tier 4, but this isn’t certain yet. To make sure that happens, please provide your feedback to the department of health in this form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

While there are no specific COVID-19 vaccine volunteer opportunities that we found, Washington State is looking for volunteers here.
West Virginia is rolling out vaccination clinics across the state on a county basis. Currently, there are 15 clinics that are fully operational, and the state anticipates all counties will have a clinic running by 2/1.

STATE RESOURCES

West Virginia Vaccine Information Portal
West Virginia Vaccine Pre-Registration
West Virginia Vaccination Dashboard

VACCINE CONTACTS

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources COVID Vaccine Hotline: 1-833-734-0965 (M-F 8AM-6PM, S 9-5PM, Closed Sunday)

PRIORITY GROUPING

West Virginia is currently vaccinating those 70 and older.

“Our earliest estimate is that we can begin to offer vaccines to the entire general public in March. As soon as vaccines are available for this population, it will be announced and additional details be made available.”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to volunteer to help with vaccination distribution, you are encouraged to contact your local health department.

You can also find a number of COVID related jobs here.
Wisconsin is managing their vaccines at the county level. Currently, the system is, for lack of a better term, a free-for-all.

Beginning on 1/25, the state says that they will be opening up to anyone under the age of 65–making 50%+ of the population eligible.

Food service workers are rumored to have priority, but Wisconsin has not yet officially made this designation (or any designation beyond healthcare workers).

**STATE RESOURCES**

- Wisconsin Vaccine Info
- Wisconsin’s Vaccine FAQ

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Call Wisconsin’s General Information Line at 211 or 1-877-947-2211.

Sign up for weekly updates here.

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Healthcare workers, residents of long-term care facilities, first responders, and 65+ have been prioritized to receive the vaccine first.

Next phase is due to begin on March 1, but does not appear to include the restaurant industry at this time.

The vaccine will be more widely available to the public sometime this summer.

Updated information will be added as it becomes available.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

WEAVR Volunteer Registry
Wyoming is vaccinating on a county-by-county basis. Currently, some counties ARE VACCINATING hospitality workers. You can find details about each county here.

STATE RESOURCES

Wyoming has just one resource to find information about COVID-19 vaccinations. You can find that here.

VACCINE CONTACTS

Wyoming Department of Health Immunization
West 25th Street, 3rd Floor, Unit 122
West Cheyenne, WY 82002
Phone: (307) 777-7952
Contact Form

PRIORITY GROUPING

Wyoming is allowing each county to set their own rules.
Most counties are currently in Phases 1A & B.
Some counties are allowing hospitality workers to participate in Phase 1B.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are no explicit COVID-19 vaccine volunteer opportunities available in Wyoming, but the hospital system is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to participate, you can sign up here.
DC is distributing vaccines via hospitals and healthcare centers. When you are eligible, it is currently recommended to reach out directly to hospitals to schedule an appointment, but there is a sign up portal available here as well.

**DISTRICT RESOURCES**

- DC’s Vaccination Portal currently, DC is only accepting appointments from healthcare workers.
- DC’s Comprehensive Information Page
- Sign up here for regular updates on vaccines.
- DC’s COVID-19 FAQ

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

DC’s Call Center - 855-363-0333

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Food service workers are in Phase 1C. The January 28th update from the mayor does not indicate when we’ll move into this phase.

To schedule an appointment, please visit vaccinate.dc.gov, call the District’s call center at 855-363-0333 or directly contact your health facility.

The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 7pm and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

DC Vaccine Trials
Puerto Rico is rolling out vaccines across the territory. Currently, Puerto Rico is distributing vaccines to healthcare workers and those over the age of 75.

**GOV RESOURCES**

Puerto Rico’s full COVID-19 Vaccine Plan.
Here is a list of all facilities that are distributing vaccines in Puerto Rico.

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

Vacuna Informacion 1-787-999-6202

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

Hospitality workers do not seem to have a special designation or phase, and should be generally included in Fase 2 (General Population).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We haven’t found any volunteer opportunities for vaccination so far. If you have some to share, please send them our way!
The VA will reach out to you when you are eligible to receive a vaccine through their facilities and will be administering vaccines at your local VA center. From their website, “We’ve worked with the CDC and other federal partners to develop a phased plan. Our goal is to do the most good for the most people during this time. Under this plan, we’re now offering vaccines to these 2 groups: Veterans living in our long-term care facilities, and VA health care personnel. Vaccinating our VA health care personnel helps us continue providing care for Veterans. We based this plan on these criteria from CDC guidelines: risk of becoming infected with the virus, risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19, risk of spreading the virus to others, risk of harm to society if essential workers, including health care personnel, are unable to work.”

**VETERANS’ AFFAIRS LINKS**

VA Vaccine Updates Sign Up  
Find a VA Provider

**VACCINE CONTACTS**

MyVA411 main information line at **800-698-2411** (TTY: 711).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Veterans can sign up for vaccine trials through the VA here.
We have not been able to locate each nation’s plan, but you can find the Navajo Nation’s COVID-19 Vaccination plan here. Keep in mind local jurisdictions are working directly with each nation to distribute vaccines.

From the IHS website,”Each tribal health program and urban Indian organization must elect to receive vaccine from one jurisdiction, either the IHS or a state. IHS anticipates equitable allocation of vaccine. There are no differences anticipated in timing or in types of vaccine or supplies between the IHS and states. IHS has collected preliminary data through the pre-planning tool. Decisions on critical populations will be based on final CDC recommendations, based on advice from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and as determined by local priorities.”

**GOV RESOURCES**

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**VACCINE CONTACTS**

[IHS Contacts by Location](#)

**PRIORITY GROUPING**

[IHS Vaccine Distribution List Of Tribal Health Programs](#)

[IHS Vaccine Distribution By Area](#)
EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION LETTER TEMPLATE

If your state requires proof of employment, you can use this template to create a proof of employment record. Just have your employer fill out the details on company letterhead, and sign it.

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter attests that [EMPLOYEE NAME] works as a [JOB TITLE] with [BUSINESS] in [STATE].

According to the [STATE NAME] State guidelines for COVID-19 vaccinations, food service workers like [NAME] qualify under eligibility category [GROUP#].

Please consider this an Employer Letter of Attestation for [NAME]’s eligibility for vaccination at this time.

Thank you,

[Signature]

[EMPLOYER/MANAGER/OWNER NAME]
[TITLE], [COMPANY NAME]
Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work (CDC)
Curious about how this vaccine works? The CDC explains it all here.

How 9 COVID Vaccines Work (NY Times)
This is a comprehensive list of the nine current vaccines (both approved and in trials) and a run down of how they work.

Vaccine Tracker (Bloomberg)
Want to see how your state stacks up against the rest? Bloomberg has a vaccine tracker which shares the number of vaccines administered both here in the states and around the world.

State-By-State Vaccine Guide (Littler Mendelson)
Didn’t find the details you need in this guide? Here's another resource from Littler Mendelson, an employment law practice.

Wellness, Recovery, and Mental Health Resources for F&B (Heard) We know that it’s tough for everyone right now. If you need to talk to someone or just take care of your mental health, the team at HEARD can set you up with free mental health services, meetings, support groups and lots more.

Tracking Restaurant Worker Priority by State (RestaurantDive.com) While many states are prioritizing workers in the food and agricultural industries, fewer are fast-tracking food service employees. Here’s how restaurant workers are categorized across the country.