



SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS BEING FOLLOWED TO PRIORITIZE GROUPS (ACIP AND IDAHO'S CVAC)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which comprises medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on the use of vaccines in the civilian population of the United States, has broadly outlined its approach for developing recommendations for the use of each COVID-19 vaccine authorized or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or licensure.

ACIP's recommendation process includes an explicit and transparent evidence-based method for assessing a vaccine's safety and efficacy as well as consideration of other factors, including implementation.

Because the initial supply of vaccine will likely be limited, ACIP will also recommend which groups should receive the earliest allocations of vaccine. The ACIP COVID-19 Vaccines Work Group and consultants with expertise in ethics and health equity considered external expert committee reports and published literature and deliberated the ethical issues associated with COVID-19 vaccine allocation decisions.

Four ethical principles will assist ACIP in formulating recommendations for the allocation of COVID-19 vaccine while supply is limited, in addition to scientific data and implementation feasibility:

1. Maximize benefits and minimize harms
2. Promote justice
3. Mitigate health inequities
4. Promote transparency.

These principles can also aid state, tribal, local, and territorial public health authorities as they develop vaccine implementation strategies within their own communities based on ACIP recommendations. A report detailing these principles is available on the [CDC Website](#).



The role of Idaho's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) is to advise the Governor on and assist state and local entities with:

- Prioritization of vaccines when they are in limited supply
- Implementation of the vaccination plan
- Communication and delivery of vaccine
- Ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccination across the state

The goals and principles of the group are as follows:

- Reduce transmission, severe illness and death [from the virus that causes COVID-19]
- Preserve functioning of the healthcare system
- Recover functioning of society and the economy
- Protect persons at risk who have access and functional needs
- Ensure equitable distribution within groups prioritized for vaccination phases and equity in the opportunity for health and well-being
- Ensure transparency regarding vaccine decision-making

