



# **Clarification of Priority Groups**

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# Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) Vaccine Prioritization

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Idaho Governor Brad Little convened the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) to advise him on and assist state and local entities with the prioritization of vaccines when they are in limited supply, guide planning efforts and broadly communicate messaging to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines across the state.

The following vaccine prioritization ranking is based on federal guidance and CVAC input. It is subject to change as new information is available.

# Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents

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Category	Group/Subgroup	ACIP Phase
<b>Healthcare personnel (HCP)</b>	1	1a
Hospital staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes support staff as well as clinical staff)	1.1	
Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity	1.1	
Long-term care facility staff	1.2	
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older or for other adults or children with high-risk medical conditions	1.2	
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	1.3	
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included above who are unable to telework	1.4	
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants	1.5	
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy aides	1.6	
Public health and emergency management response workers who are unable to telework	1.7	
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>	1	1a

\*Added into HCP group after the 12/01/20 ACIP meeting.

# Essential Workers

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Category	Group/Subgroup	ACIP Phase
<b>Essential workers</b>	2	1b (PROPOSED)
First responders (other than EMS) and safety (fire/police/protective services/community support)	2.1	
Pre-K–12 school staff and teachers and daycare [childcare] workers	2.2	
Correctional and detention facility staff (other than medical)	2.3	
Food processing workers	2.4	
Grocery and convenience store workers	2.5	
Idaho National Guard (other than medical)	2.6	
Other essential workers not already included and unable to telework or to distance from others at work	2.7	

*Last updated 12/9/20*



## Inquiry or Request Made

- Public email boxes
- Contact with staff

## Triage of New Input

- Add standards-based specific clarification to category
- Ranking change request

## CVAC Review

- Review Input
- Vote on clarification



- CVAC voting members will vote on each of the clarifications for **Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents** subgroups
  - Process: Review input and clarification then vote
- Completed in a series of 15 Y/N votes

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Outpatient clinic staff essential for care		
Long-term care facility staff		
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age with chronic medical conditions		
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff		
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management		
<b>Long-term care facility residents</b>		

Family members of healthcare personnel and others in ACIP phase 1a or 1b [Clarification: based on the goals and principles of CVAC, family members of healthcare personnel should not be included in the initial phase of vaccine. Family members should be vaccinated when the group in which they belong is scheduled.]

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Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management personnel		
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>		

#1 Agree with Clarification Y/N

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Long-term care facility staff		
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older with chronic medical conditions		
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not otherwise listed		
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management personnel		
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>		

- Medical imaging professionals [clarification to include in 1.1]
- Regulated medical waste workers (who enter hospital and medical facilities, including patient rooms) [clarification to include in 1.1. instead of general essential worker because of intra- and inter-hospital and medical facility activities]

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#2 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

#3 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

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The healthcare personnel category was first presented to CVAC 10/23/2020 based on the phased recommendations of the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). CVAC reviewed the healthcare personnel category group on 11/17/2020. CVAC reviewed the following categories on 11/17/2020:

<b>Healthcare personnel (HCP)</b>		
Hospital staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients (including support staff as well as clinical staff)		
Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients		
<b>Long-term care facility staff</b>		
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older with medical conditions		
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included in other categories		
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management response workers who are unable to telework	1.7	
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>	1	1a

- Group adult day care staff [not addressed, congregate setting adults needing care, from multiple households; clarification to include]
- Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities staff [these staff have not been specifically addressed, ACIP “other residential care” category; clarification to include]

Reference: ACIP COVID-19 Vaccines Work Group, "Phased Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccines"

\*Added into HCP group after the 12/01/20 ACIP meeting.

# Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents

The healthcare personnel category was first presented to CVAC 10/23/2020 based on the phased allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. The National Immunization Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). CVAC reviewed the proposed groupings and recommended the following ranking on 11/23/2020.

#4 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

- #4 Group adult day care staff [not addressed, congregate setting adults needing care, from multiple households; recommend to include]
- #5 Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities staff [these staff have not been specifically addressed, ACIP “other residential care” category; clarification to include]

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Long-term care facility staff

#5 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

Long-term care facility residents\*

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Healthcare Personnel Category	Priority	Sub-Priority
<b>Healthcare personnel (HCP)</b>		
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Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients		
Long-term care facility staff		
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older with high risk medical conditions		
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included in other categories		
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management personnel		
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>	1	1a

- Staff of certified family homes [clarification to include these staff as part of home care providers]
- Drivers who transport adults 65 years of age and older, or other adults or children with high risk medical conditions, to medical appointments [clarification to include drivers as part of home care providers]

Reference: Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response. Version 4.0

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#6 Agree with Recommendation  
Y/N

#7 Agree with Recommendation  
Y/N

- #6 Staff of certified family homes [clarification to include these staff as part of home care providers]
- #7 Drivers who transport adults 65 years of age and older, or other adults or children with high-risk medical conditions, to medical appointments [clarification to include drivers as part of home care providers]

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Healthcare Personnel (HCP)	Ranking	Sub-category
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Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients		
Long-term care facility staff		
Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older with medical conditions		
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)		
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included in other categories		
Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants		
Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants		
Public health and emergency management personnel		
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>		

- Blood center workers
- Psychiatric residential treatment facility staff
- Radiation therapists
- School nurses
- Optometrists
- Idaho National Guard medical staff [clarification to move ING medical staff to this category]
- Vaccine administrators [some requests for vaccine administrators to be added to 1.1 and some requests to add in public health workers 1.7; clarification to include in outpatient and inpatient medical staff 1.4]

[clarification to include these groups as part of this category, 1.4]

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#8 Agree with  
Clarification  
Y/N

#9 Agree with  
Clarification  
Y/N

Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not alr

#10 Agree with  
Clarification  
Y/N

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Public health and emergency management response workers who are unable to telework	1.7	
<b>Long-term care facility residents*</b>	1	1a

- Idaho National Guard deployed to support public health response [clarification to move ING public health response staff to 1.7]
- State and local public health COVID-19 responders [clarification to include in 1.7]

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Y/N

#12 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

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- #11 Idaho National Guard deployed to support public health response [clarification to move ING public health response staff to 1.7]
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- Residents of long-term care facilities within correctional or detention settings [correctional facilities are not licensed as LTCF; clarification to add to this group]
- Participants in group adult day care programs [congregate setting of adults needing health or personal care from multiple households; adult day healthcare; clarification to add to this group]
- Residents in certified family homes [N.B. - certified for 1–4 adults] [small numbers of adults needing care within one household; clarification to add to this group]

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# Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents

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#13 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

#14 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

#15 Agree with Clarification  
Y/N

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We will discuss input on essential workers at the *next meeting*.

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Correctional and detention facility staff (other than medical)	2.3	←
Food processing workers	2.4	
Grocery and convenience store workers	2.5	
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Other essential workers not already included and unable to telework or to distance from others at work	2.7	←

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# Input to be discussed at the next meeting....

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First responders (other than EMS) and safety (fire/police/protection services/community support) (2.1)	Correctional and detention facility staff (other than medical) (2.3)	Other, unable to telework or physically distance (2.7)
Firefighters (structural & wildland)	Drivers of vehicles transporting groups of inmates or detainees between facilities or to court	Agricultural/farm workers (not in congregate food processing settings)
Police or patrol officers		Behavioral health workers (if not staff in higher ranked category)
Sheriffs or deputy sheriffs		Courthouse workers
Detectives		Judges
First-line supervisors of first responders		Mission essential gas company workers
Idaho Fish and Game law enforcement officers		Ride-sharing services drivers
Coroner or medical examiner		Veterinarians, veterinary nurses, veterinary technicians serving service animals, search and rescue dogs, and support animals
Search and rescue team member		Workers performing funeral services
Animal control officers		
Adult protective services		
Child protective services, child welfare		
Community food, housing, relief services		

Subject to Change



We will need to discuss input on the ACIP proposed phase 1c and beyond at the **next meeting.**

- Essential workers who are able to telework
- Adults with high-risk medical conditions and adults 65 years of age and older
- Immunocompromised
- Persons over the age of 65 who are living at home
- Persons who **MIGHT** be at increased risk because of a medical condition.
- Persons with cystic fibrosis
- Family members of other essential personnel
- People in correctional or detention facilities
- People living in migrant housing
- People who are homeless or have unstable housing
- People in high risk groups based on race/ethnicity
- People with disabilities

Subject to Change



Voted on input on **Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents** group received prior to development of this presentation.

- Additional input arrived after the development of the presentation.
- Expect this to occur for each group and expect input after voting.

DHW proposes that for the **Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents** group, input is addressed or clarified by DHW unless significant change is requested and CVAC review is needed.

- Agree DHW can address input on **Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents**

Y/N