

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 recommendations, CVAC input, and Governor approval. It is subject to change as new information is available.

Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents

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Category	Idaho Group/ Subgroup	ACIP Phase
Healthcare personnel (HCP)	1	1a
Hospital staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes support staff, clinical staff, and medical imaging professionals)	1.1	
Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes vaccine administrators)	1.1	
Long-term care facility staff (includes staff of adult day care facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities)	1.2	
Home care providers for adults ≥ 65 years of age, or for other adults or children with high-risk medical conditions (includes staff of certified family homes)	1.2	
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	1.3	

Healthcare Personnel & Long-Term Care Facility Residents (cont.)

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Healthcare personnel (HCP)	1	1a
Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included above who are unable to telework (includes school nurses, Idaho National Guard medical staff, blood center workers, psychiatric residential treatment facility staff, radiation therapists, and optometrists)	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 (includes Idaho National Guard deployed to support public health response, state and local public health COVID-19 responders who are unable to telework)	1.7	
Long-term care facility residents (Includes residents of long-term care facilities within correctional or detention settings, residents in certified family homes, and participants in group adult daycare programs)	1	

Current Vaccine Prioritizations, updated 01/12/21

Frontline Essential Workers and Adults 65 Years of Age and Older

The essential workers (ACIP 1b) were first presented to CVAC 12/04/2020 based on the recommendations of ACIP/CDC. CVAC reviewed and approved at the 12/04/2020 meeting. ACIP further refined 1b to identify “frontline” essential workers and included adults 75 years of age and older. This was brought to CVAC at their 01/08/2021 meeting; CVAC recommended adoption of ACIP Phase 1b recommendations with the addition of adults 65 years of age and older. The Governor approved and further prioritized on 01/12/2021.

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Frontline Essential Workers & Adults 65 Years of Age and Older <i>Frontline essential workers: workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2.</i>	2	1b + part of 1c
First responders (firefighters/police) and safety (protective services/community support) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroner and medical examiners • Idaho Fish and Game and USDA law enforcement officers • Adult and child protective services • Child welfare workers • Community food, housing, and relief services 	2.1	
Education: pre-K–12 school staff and teachers and daycare [childcare] workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential schools or facilities providing behavioral health treatment 	2.1	
Correctional and detention facility staff (other than medical)	2.1	
Adults 65 years of age and older	2.2	

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Food and agriculture workers	2.3	
Food processing workers, includes USDA processing plant inspectors	2.3	
Grocery, convenience store, and food pantry workers	2.3	
Idaho National Guard (if not already included in group 1.4 or 1.7)	2.3	
Manufacturing workers	2.3	
Public transit workers	2.3	
U.S. Postal Service workers	2.3	