

California's Three Phased Planning Approach (Adapted from [CA COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, V1.0](#))

PHASE 1

Potentially Limited Doses Available

- Supply may be **constrained**
- Tightly focused **vaccine administration**
- Administer vaccine in **closed settings** best suited for reaching initial critical populations specific to Phase 1A populations

PHASE 2

Large Number of Doses Available

- Likely **sufficient supply** to meet demand
- Expand **beyond initial populations**
- Use broad provider network and settings, including healthcare settings, commercial sector settings, and public health venues

PHASE 3

Shift to Routine Strategy

- Likely **sufficient supply**
- **Open access to vaccinations**
- Administer through additional **private partner sites**; maintain **public health sites** where required

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Phase 1A

- Health care personal at risk of exposure
- Residents of skilled nursing/assisted living facilities, and similar settings

Phase 1A Subprioritization

- Tier 1:** Acute care, psychiatric & correctional facility hospitals; skilled nursing & assisted living facilities; paramedics, EMTs; dialysis centers
- Tier 2:** Intermediate care facilities; home health care; community health workers; public health field staff; and primary care clinics, including FQHCs, correctional facility clinics, rural clinics, and urgent care.
- Tier 3:** Other settings and HCWs, including specialty clinics, lab workers, dental and oral health clinics, pharmacy staff not covered in higher tiers

([Source](#))

Phase 1B

- Other essential workers
- People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness, including people 65 years of age and older

- Remainder of Phase 1 populations
- Other critical populations at higher risk
- General population

From State Plan:

- Ensure vaccine access to all members of Phase 1 critical populations.
- Several potential subphases within Phase 2 (Phase 2-A, Phase 2-B, and possibly Phase 2-C) to prioritize vaccinations for essential workers and vulnerable populations before expanding to non-essential workers and the general public.

- Remainder of Phase 1 & 2 populations
- Other critical populations
- General population

From State Plan:

- Priority will shift to equitable vaccinations access across the entire population using traditional routes for vaccine administration.
- Ultimate goal of high coverage rates for California's 40 million people.

Equity is a crosscutting consideration across all phases