

COVID-19 Vaccine: Fact Sheet

Key Assumptions for COVID-19 Vaccine Availability



Limited doses are now available, but supply will increase in early 2021



Two vaccines available under Emergency Use Authorization issued by the FDA



Cold chain storage and handling requirements are likely to vary from refrigerated to ultra-cold frozen



Two doses from same manufacturer separated by 21 or 28 days, will be needed for immunity for most COVID-19 vaccines

Texas Guiding Principles to Vaccine Distribution



Protecting health care workers who fill a critical role in saving lives



Protecting front-line workers who provide critical services and are preserving the economy



Protecting vulnerable populations who are at greater risk of severe COVID-19 disease and death



Mitigating health inequities due to factors such as demographics, poverty and insurance status



Data-driven allocations that allow for flexibility for local conditions



Geographic diversity that considers balanced access in urban and rural areas



Transparency with the public and seeking public feedback

COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel (EVAP)

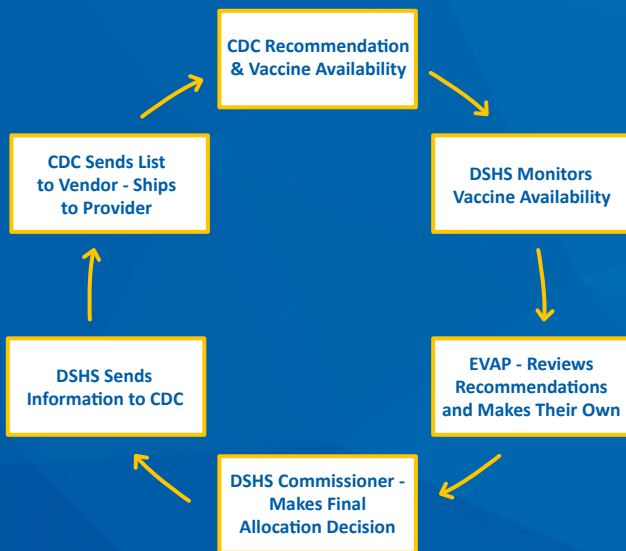
- Appointed panel of external and internal subject matter experts
- Make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health
- Establish prioritization of critical populations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 distribution
- Weekly review of the data to guide allocation recommendations



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* Pharmacy vaccine admin support to federal LTC program will impact State's weekly inventory

Weekly Allocation Process



Quick Answers

Who pays for the vaccine?

- It's free to everyone, federal government pays for it. Plus, providers can seek reimbursement from insurance for administering vaccine.

Who can get vaccine?

- Eventually everyone will. There is phased distribution, starting with health care staff and LTC residents.

Is vaccine mandated?

- No. It is voluntary.

Do I need the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

- Yes. Immunity from vaccine may last longer than natural immunity.

Do I still need to wear mask, social distance if I've had the vaccine?

- Yes. We don't know if the vaccine prevents you from spreading the virus.