



State Vaccination Plans

Tools to Inform HME Providers of Likely Vaccine Prioritization Efforts

The VGM Government Relations team has received several requests for information relative to “where does the HME community stand with regard to vaccine prioritization?”

As each state differs in its prioritization schedule, we are distributing this release in the hope that you may contact, if necessary, on an ongoing basis, the appropriate agency or state department of public health and obtain important information. We recognize you are on the “front line” and are integral to the care of the elderly, disabled and at-risk population. Again, as each state varies in its priority distribution framework, we ask that you begin [here](#), select your state, and closely review the information – which will be updated frequently. Call the applicable information contact and inquire; be specific as to your services and patient population served. And please contact us, VGM, at Emily.harken@vgm.com as to any status, updates, conflicts, issues, et al with regard to the response you received. While we cannot contest the agency or department response, we will attempt to maintain a database of the current vaccine prioritization status.

By way of example, the [link](#) above, will take you to:



State Resources / State Vaccination Plans

The chart below displays a link to each state plan for vaccination distribution.

THE FDA ANNOUNCED THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST COVID-19 VACCINE IN THE UNITED STATES. AS STATES BEGIN THEIR ROLLOUT EFFORT TO VACCINATE TARGET POPULATIONS, STATESIDE WILL CONTINUE OUR STATE COVID-19 COVERAGE WITH A NEW REPORT, STATE VACCINE SNAPSHOT: A COVID-19 REPORT.

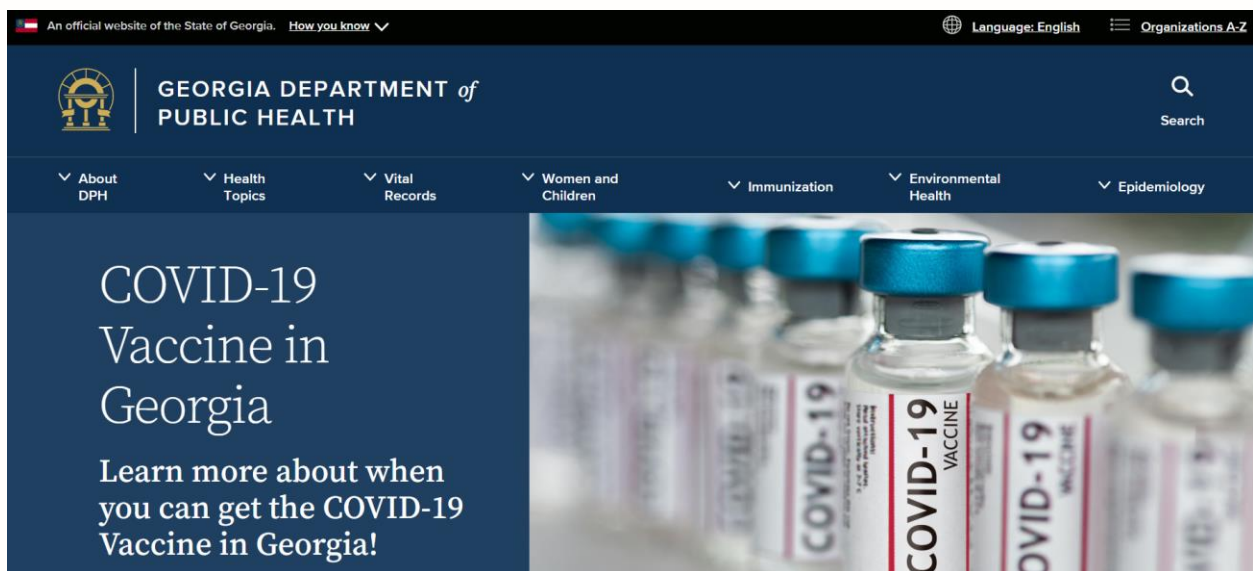
This **State Vaccine Snapshot** breaks down each state's distribution plan in an easily digestible format that includes the following highlights:

- Current Distribution Phase of Each State
- Targeted Populations for All Distribution Phases
- Distribution Methods

This inclusive report also provides the vaccine administration, including enrollment system details and storage and handling requirements, arming you with critical information and perspective. Our report includes key information from official state vaccination distribution plans, reviewed by Stateside's professionals, saving you the time and effort of reviewing state plans.

Our team will monitor and track each state's progress as they make decisions on when, how, and to whom next doses should be distributed.

Again, by way of example, we selected Georgia



The screenshot shows the official website of the Georgia Department of Public Health. The header includes the state flag, the text "An official website of the State of Georgia. How you know", a language selector set to "English", and a link to "Organizations A-Z". The main navigation bar features the department's logo and name, "GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH", and a search icon. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items: "About DPH", "Health Topics", "Vital Records", "Women and Children", "Immunization", "Environmental Health", and "Epidemiology". The main content area is a dark blue banner with the text "COVID-19 Vaccine in Georgia" and "Learn more about when you can get the COVID-19 Vaccine in Georgia!". To the right of the text is a photograph of several vials of COVID-19 vaccine.

Click on this link

The **first vaccination phase includes** but is not limited to **healthcare personnel** likely to be exposed to or treat people with COVID-19, **first responders, people at risk for severe illness** and other **essential workers**. [Read about the vaccine rollout.](#)

Those who will be vaccinated in the first phase will be notified where to receive the vaccine. These sites will likely be at or near work and care sites.

..and you will be directed [here](#):

Georgia Vaccine Plan

Follow the plan for distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Georgia.

 [COVID-19 Vaccine Plan](#) (1.24 MB)

Click on this

Phase 1: Limited COVID-19 Vaccine Availability

COVID-19 vaccine supply is expected to be limited during the initial implementation of vaccine response activities (Phase 1). During this phase, vaccine efforts will focus on reaching defined critical populations who meet DPH defined Phase 1 criteria. Vaccine administration will occur through closed POD sites, including, but not limited to, public health clinics, hospitals, long term care facilities (LTCFs), emergency medical services (EMS), etc.

The below list of Phase 1 populations is not all-inclusive and will be reviewed and updated throughout the response as needed:

1. Healthcare personnel likely to be exposed to or treat people with COVID-19
2. First Responders
3. People at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including those with underlying medical conditions and people 65 years of age and older
4. Other essential workers

Initial vaccine supply may not be enough to maximize access for the entire Phase 1 population. ACIP recommends that healthcare personnel be prioritized in the earliest phase of COVID-19 vaccination (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6949e1.htm>). However, in settings where the initial vaccine supply is insufficient to vaccinate all healthcare providers, sub-prioritization of vaccine doses may be necessary. Considerations for sub-prioritization, of equal importance, include but are not limited to:

1. Phase 1-A will include paid and unpaid persons serving in a healthcare setting who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. Hospital staff, public health clinical staff, EMS, and other first responders, long term care facility (LTCF) staff, and urgent care facility staff are examples of people who will be included in this Phase. Additional examples include:
 - a. Staff in clinical settings (e.g. physicians, nurses, pharmacists, EMS, laboratory staff, environmental services, LTCF staff, etc.)
 - b. LTCF Residents

Notice there is no specific direction/definition of “other first responders.”

There is contact information:



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Accordingly, in the interest of time, contact the agency or department and inquire.

Please inform us (Emily.harken@vgm.com) as to the reply.

We thank you for your assistance in compiling this information, and more so for the invaluable patient care you offer to this most at-risk population.

The VGM Government Team