

COVID-19 Vaccine

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South Carolina's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Our top priority is to save lives. Our state's vaccine plan prioritizes those with greatest risk, while ensuring equal access to the vaccine for every South Carolinian age 16 and over.

South Carolina's phased approach to its COVID-19 vaccine rollout recognizes the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 increases with age and people with certain medical conditions and occupations are at higher risk of exposure to the virus. Because of this, South Carolina will continue to move phase by phase, based on risk level, with the goal of vaccinating every South Carolinian who wishes to receive a vaccine by this summer.

Phase 1a and 65+ (Currently Ongoing - February 2021)

Phase 1b (Beginning March 8, 2021)

*All time estimates are subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.

Beginning March 8, appointments to get the COVID-19 vaccine can be made by people in Phase 1b.

Phase 1b includes:

Anyone aged 55 and up

People with increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease

People aged 16-54 with one or more of the following high-risk medical conditions:

Cancer (current, not a history of cancer), chronic kidney disease (any stage), chronic lung disease, diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), Down syndrome, heart disease (congestive heart disease, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, pulmonary hypertension), HIV/AIDS, solid organ transplant, obesity (BMI >30), pregnancy, sickle cell disease.

People who have a developmental or other severe high-risk disability that makes developing severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection more likely

Frontline workers with increased occupational risk

Frontline workers with increased occupational risk are people who:

Must be in-person at their place of work, and

Perform a job that puts them at increased risk of exposure due to their frequent, close (less than 6 feet) and ongoing (more than 15 minutes) contact with others in the work environment

Examples of frontline workers include but are not limited to school staff and daycare workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, law enforcement officers, etc.

Individuals at increased risk in settings where people are living and working in close contact

Residents and workers in group home settings for the mentally or physically disabled or those with behavioral or substance abuse conditions

Workers and residents in homeless shelters

Workers and residents in community training homes

State and local correctional facility staff with direct inmate contact

Correctional and immigration detention facility inmates

Migrant farmworkers living in shared housing or reliant on shared transportation

All workers in healthcare and community health settings who have routine, direct patient contact and were not vaccinated in Phase 1a

Estimated Population of Phase 1b: Approximately 2.7 million

Phase 1c (approximately April 12, 2021)

Phase 2 (approximately May 3, 2021)

What Should I Do Now ?

Until enough of us get vaccinated, we must all continue to:

Wear masks,

Stay six feet away from others,

Get tested and stay home when you're sick, and

Avoid crowds.

Vaccine Updates

Previous Vaccine Updates

February 26, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Linda Bell - (YouTube) <<https://youtu.be/rilysdkzm1s>>

February 24, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with <https://youtu.be/g1rtw-_ny7k>Nick Davidson - (YouTube) <https://youtu.be/g1rtw-_ny7k>

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February 19, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Linda Bell - (YouTube)

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February 17, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Linda Bell - (YouTube) <<https://youtu.be/irwwa4dnsow>>

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February 12, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Linda Bell - (YouTube)

February 10, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Linda Bell - (YouTube) <<https://youtu.be/o8ir3yqqeg4>>

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February 8, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Michael Kacka - (YouTube)

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February 5, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Nick Davidson - (YouTube)

Q&A Transcript - Feb. 5 - (DOCX) </sites/default/files/media/document/covid-19-vaccine-update-qa-with-nick-davidson-dr-michael-kacka-02.05.2021.docx >

February 3, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Michael Kacka - (YouTube) <<https://youtu.be/wfgpnhcsxb0>>

Q&A Transcript - Feb. 3 (DOCX)
<<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/vaccine-update-with-dr-michael-kacka-edited-transcript-02.03.2021.docx>>

February 1, 2021 - DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Q&A with Dr. Michael Kacka - (YouTube) <<https://youtu.be/fw4ufu2fklk>>

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If you are an immunization provider with questions related to the...

Vaccine Administration Management System, please

email: VAMS@dhec.sc.gov

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Downloads & Links

Phase-1A Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation <

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Moderna Vaccine - What to Expect During & After Your Injection <

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South Carolina COVID-19 Vaccination Plan <

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Planning a Community Vaccination Event Form

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Five-step Look at South Carolina's COVID-19 Vaccination Process

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COVID-19 Vaccine Allocations in South Carolina </[covid19/covid-19-vaccine-allocation](/covid19/covid-19-vaccine-allocation)>

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South Carolina Vaccine Advisory Committee </[covid19/covid-19-vaccine/south-carolina-vaccine-advisory-committee](/covid19/covid-19-vaccine/south-carolina-vaccine-advisory-committee)>

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