



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Mississippi Vaccination Phases

Mississippi is following a phased approach to prioritizing COVID-19 vaccinations. Each phase balances the protection of those most at risk from COVID-19 with the protection of those who maintain essential functions of the community such as healthcare, education, law enforcement, food supply and transportation.

Estimated Start Date	Phase	Qualifying Groups by Priority
In Progress	Phase 1a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•All Healthcare Personnel</li><li>•Long-Term Care Facility Residents</li></ul>
Mid-January 2021	Phase 1b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Persons aged 75 years and older</li><li>•First Responders (e.g., fire, police); K-12 Teachers/Staff; College/University Teachers/Staff; Child-Care Workers; Corrections Officers/Staff; Congregate Settings Workers</li></ul>
February 2021	Phase 1b.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Food and Agriculture Workers, U.S. Postal Service, Manufacturing, Grocery Store and Public Transit Workers</li></ul>
	Phase 1c.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Persons aged 65 years and older</li><li>•Persons aged 16-64 years with high risk medical conditions</li></ul>
March 2021	Phase 1c.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Persons aged 16 years and older in Congregate Settings and Correctional Facilities</li><li>•Other essential workers as defined by CISA <a href="#">Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce</a></li></ul>





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We are currently in Phase 1a. Healthcare workers include a broad range of physicians, nurses, and clinical and facility staff in any setting where COVID-19 exposure is a risk. Long-term care facilities include nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living, and similar group living settings for older adults or those with special health conditions.

As vaccine supplies increase, vaccination will be expanded to vulnerable adults and workforce members most essential to basic community functions such as law enforcement, first responders, food supply and education.

[More about groups included in each phase »](#)

