

As the State of Vermont's COVID-19 vaccination program moves to an age-banded approach for the general population, Vermonters who were first eligible as health care workers, first responders or long-term care residents are still eligible to be vaccinated at area hospitals (but not through the registration system online). The State will allocate vaccine to this population, and adjust based on need and vaccine availability, to ensure health care workers and first responders continue to have access to this resource.

People in the 1a group should be directed to call their hospitals to inquire about when they will be scheduling additional vaccination clinics for the 1a population.

To gain greater stability in the system, the following lays out the specific screening criteria to determine eligibility in Phase 1a. These screening criteria should be followed by all Vermont hospitals when vaccinating a health care worker or first responder. New groups will not be added to 1a. If a patient is not eligible based on the screening questions outlined below, they will need to wait for a new phase of the vaccine rollout in which they meet eligibility criteria.

**Screening questions:**

1. Do you work in a setting providing direct care to COVID-19 positive patients [this includes deceased COVID-19 positive patients] or a laboratory providing COVID-19 testing services?
  - a. No – Go to question 2.
  - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
2. Are you a health care provider or support staff in a medical/clinical setting?
  - a. No – Go to question 3.
  - b. Yes
    - i. Do you have direct patient interaction that does not allow for social distancing?
      1. No – Go to question 3.
      2. Yes – Vaccinate.
3. Are you a first responder within an ambulance or rescue squad, fire or police department, who responds to emergency calls to provide or assist with care or transport for sick or injured persons?
  - a. No – Go to question 4.
  - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
4. Are you paid to provide medical care, even though you are not a medical provider or first responder? (e.g. personal care attendants, private duty caregivers)
  - a. No – Go to question 5
  - b. Yes
    - i. Do you have direct patient interaction that does not allow for social distancing?
      1. No – Go to question 5.
      2. Yes – Vaccinate.
5. Do you work or reside in a long-term care facility?
  - a. No – Go to question 6.
  - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
6. If patient does not meet any of the criteria in questions 1-5, that patient does not qualify for a vaccine in phase 1a and should wait until they are eligible under a different phase.