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People Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Effective as of March 31, 2021

Identify by:

Age

Living situation

Occupation

Health condition

Age

All people 60 years or older

Living situation

Long-term care facility residents

- Residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living setting where most individuals over 65 years of age or receiving care, supervision, or assistance because of injury, disability, or illness.

All people 50 years or older in multigenerational households

- Person over 50 not able to live independently
- Person over 50 living and caring for someone of a different generation such as an elder and grandchild. (does NOT include a parent or guardian care for a child or teen)

People living in certain congregate settings that have high rates of infection or transmission or whose residents have a higher risk for hospitalization or severe outcomes

- Group homes for individuals with disabilities, including serious mental illness, developmental and intellectual disabilities, and physical disabilities
- Residential substance use disorder facilities
- Prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities
- Temporary housing and shelters for people experiencing homelessness
 - People who access services at these facilities but don't sleep there are also eligible
- Domestic violence shelters



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Occupation

Health care workers in health care settings (not remote)

- Health care workers in sites with direct patient care of confirmed or suspected COVID patients
- Workers at testing sites and exposed to/handling COVID -19 specimens
- Workers administering COVID-19 vaccines
- Technicians
- Security
- Environmental, janitorial, and facility staff
- Non-remote translators or interpreters
- Counselors/Social Workers
- Home health aides, caregivers, and companions (personal care providers)
- Doulas
- Community health workers
- School nurses
- Behavioral health providers

First responders

- Emergency medical service frontline staff (e.g. fire, ambulance, hospital)
- Emergency workers providing patient transport/ambulatory support
- Firefighters, law enforcement, social workers responding to public health and safety.
- Does NOT include administrators or those who can work remotely, except for public health and first responder functions critical for maintaining the COVID-19 pandemic response and continuity of operations.

Long-term care facility residents and staff

- Residents and staff of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living setting where most individuals over 65 years of age or receiving care, supervision, or assistance because of injury, disability, or illness.

Educators and staff for pre-K through 12th grade (not volunteers)

- Administrators
- Environmental, cafeteria, janitorial, facility or maintenance staff
- School bus drivers
- Paraeducators

Child care providers

- Licensed family home child care providers, and family members living in their home
- License-exempt family, friends, and neighbors providers that accept Working Connections Child Care subsidy. (These in-home providers can serve up to 6 children.)



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- ECEAP, Washington’s state-funded preschool providers
- Head Start staff
- License-exempt school-age and youth development providers who provide child care to school-age children
- Staff of programs providing services for children with special health care needs, individual educational plans, technological gaps, and migrant education
- Early learning and child care program workers that are permitted to operate under DOH guidance for child care, youth development, and day camps that were not covered in 1B-1.

High-risk critical workers who work in certain congregate settings. Exposure includes close proximity to high number of other individuals over extended time.

- Agriculture workers (roles are more likely to include crop selection, production and packaging)
- Fishing vessel crews
- Workers in food processing
- Workers in grocery stores or food banks
- Workers in correctional facilities (prisons, jails, or detention centers)
- Workers in public transit (bus, train, ferry, airport). Does NOT include work can remotely of in a socially distant office.
- Drivers of taxies, limos, and rideshare
- Restaurants
- Food services
- Construction
- Manufacturing

High-risk workers in certain congregate living settings that have high rates of infection and transmission or whose residents are at higher risk for hospitalization and severe outcomes

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Health condition

Pregnant individuals



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People with a disability that puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness

- People with a physical or intellectual disability where they cannot use protective measures
- People with a physical or intellectual disability that is clinically associated with severe outcomes if infected with COVID
- People with a disability (e.g. deaf/hard of hearing, blind) AND have at least one comorbidity or medical condition on the [CDC's list of the conditions that put people at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19](#) (see below).

People with two or more co-morbidities or underlying conditions that put them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

- Qualifying conditions are on the [CDC's list of the conditions that put people at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19](#). Conditions on the entire list are included for consideration. Such as:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
 - Heart conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
 - Hypertension or high blood pressure
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) for solid organ transplant
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines
 - Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
 - Overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m², but < 30 kg/m²)
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Smoking
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus
 - Type 1 diabetes mellitus
 - Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
 - Liver disease
 - Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
 - Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)