

Because it is likely that COVID-19 vaccine will not be supplied all at once, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is in the process of Mass Vaccination Planning to follow guidance released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The resulting plan will establish regional and local priority groups to guide the sequence of vaccination groups.

The priority groups may change depending on the epidemiology of the pandemic and/or the requirements set forth by Texas Department of State Health Services or the Federal Government. DCHHS will make recommendations for priority groups and direct the distribution and administration of the vaccine as it becomes available.

The following types of medical professionals are authorized as named by the CDC to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Certified Nurse Aides
- Direct Patient Care Physicians
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Medication Aides
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Primary Care Physicians
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Care Practitioners
- Registered Nurses

There are also licensing and training requirements for any of the above mentioned medical professionals to administer the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Register through the portal at <https://enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov/emrlogin.asp>
- Must have an active NPI/TPI number
- Must have an active license to practice in Texas
- Must follow ACIP requirements and recommendations
- Must comply with CDC requirements for COVID-19 vaccine management and maintain adequate storage capacities to maintain the integrity of the vaccine cold-chain requirements
- Must report dose usage within 24 hours to the state immunization registry, ImmTrac2
- Must report all doses received including those administered, lost, wasted, etc.
- Must report any adverse event related to receiving the vaccine
- Required CDC courses can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/index.html>
  - Complete Module 10 of the CDC's "You Call the Shots" training
  - Enrollment in ImmTrac2
  - Complete "Current Issues in Immunization Webinar (CIIW)
  - Complete all videos in the "Pink Book Series"
- All vaccinators required to sign a federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement
- Providing Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheet or Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) to the vaccine recipient
- Current vaccines under development are targeting populations 16 years and older; no pediatric vaccine at this time

For most COVID-19 vaccine products, two doses of vaccine separated by 21 or 28 days will be needed. Because different COVID-19 vaccine products will not be interchangeable, a vaccine recipient's second dose must be from the same manufacturer as their first dose.

2 Attachments:

1. National Academy of Medicine, Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine
2. Texas Department of State Health Services, COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan slides

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