



COVID-19 vaccine Q&A

Has Public Health received the vaccine?

- Yes – the first shipment arrived on 12/22/20; Manufacturer is Moderna

Has Public Health started vaccinating people?

- Yes – we have started vaccinating those individuals in the 1A priority group.

Is Public Health vaccinating the long-term care residents?

- No – those residents and workers are being vaccinated through Pharmacy agreements and not by Public Health.

When can I be vaccinated?

- The recommendations are set by the Federal government based on availability of vaccine and clinical trial outcomes
- WCPH does not have control over priority groups
- Phase 1A will include long-term care residents, long-term care workers and healthcare workers with direct patient care
 - WCPH will have direct contact with local providers to schedule vaccinations

When will new priority groups be established?

- As more vaccine becomes available, the priority groups will be opened up by the State
- The recommendations are set by the Federal government based on availability of vaccine and clinical trial outcomes
- WCPH does not have control over priority groups

Will there be additional phases of vaccine rollout?

- Yes
 - Phase 1B (see detailed list under separate question)
 - Phase 1C is anticipated to include additional essential workers, individuals aged 65-74 and those aged 18-74 with high risk medical conditions
- Priority group criteria is established by the Federal government and may change
- WCPH does not have control over priority groups

Who is included in Phase 1B?

Persons aged 75 years and older OR the following populations:

- First responders (ex. firefighters, police officers, dependent adult abuse and child welfare social workers)
- PK-12 school staff, early childhood education and childcare workers
- Individuals with disabilities living in home settings whom are dependent on attendant care staff, and their attendant care staff, if not otherwise vaccinated under Phase 1A
- Correctional facility staff and individuals incarcerated
- Staff of and individuals living in congregate settings
- Inspectors responsible for health, life and food production safety
- Government officials engaged in state business at the Iowa Capitol during legislative session

I do not fall into any of the priority groups. When can I be vaccinated?

- By mid-2021 there should be enough vaccine available for anyone who wants it
- WCPH does not have control over priority groups

I have had COVID. Am I eligible for the vaccine?

- Yes IF you meet the criteria below:
 - You fall into a specified priority group AND
 - You are not actively ill (meaning in quarantine, isolation, or showing signs of symptoms)

I have had COVID. Is there a waiting period to receive the vaccine?

- No – HOWEVER you will need to meet criteria for a specified priority group, not be actively ill (meaning in quarantine, isolation, or showing signs of symptoms), and check with your physician

Is Public Health the only provider of vaccine in the County?

- Yes, at this time

Do you have a waiting list for the vaccine?

- No
 - As new priority groups become effective, WCPH will communicate who meets the criteria

When will our children be vaccinated?

- At this time, Pfizer is approved for individuals 16 years of age and older. Moderna is approved for those 18 years of age. At this time, we don't know when a vaccine will be approved for children.

After I get vaccinated, will I still have to wear a mask/be quarantined after COVID exposure?

- At this time, there will be no change to our current public health recommendations for those who have been vaccinated. We'd still recommend you wear a mask around those not in your household, social distance, and quarantine post-exposure.

Where is the most up to date information on the vaccine?

- Our website (washph.com)
 - There are links to IDPH, the CDC, and our FB page
- State of Iowa dashboard
 - <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>
- WCPH Facebook page
- The Washington Journal
- KCII radio