



COVID Vaccine prioritization

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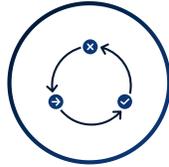
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COVID-19 vaccination phases in Kansas



About this document

- As COVID-19 vaccines are approved by the FDA, the federal government is supplying states with limited doses on a weekly basis.
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has created a list of populations, spread across 5 phases, to prioritize for vaccination
- This document lays out Kansas' current prioritized vaccination plan and provides more detailed definitions of identified population segments



Our methodology

- To develop this phasing, we segmented and prioritized Kansas' population based on public health risk and criticality to state infrastructure
- Throughout the process, we have used an equity lens to ensure inclusion of socially and medically vulnerable communities our prioritization
- The Governor and KDHE engaged an independent advisory committee to review and co-develop these phases, ensuring input broad input
- We have also relied on the expert opinion of the CDC and ACIP recommendations
- The COVID-19 environment is dynamic, and thus we will continue to adapt these phases and priority groups as we learn more about the disease situation in Kansas and across the country



How we will operationalize these phases

- KDHE will maintain a flexible approach to moving through phases, prioritizing the vaccination of current phase populations and maximizing speed under federal supply constraints
- We are engaging local health departments, providers (hospitals, clinics, pharmacies) etc. across the state to distribute and administer the vaccine
- We will ensure equity throughout the vaccine distribution process, e.g. by prioritizing providers, such as safety net clinics in vulnerable communities and proactive outreach and communications to those all those communities at risk

KDHE adopted federal recommendations to assess exposure risks associated with workplaces and living arrangements



Federal guidelines¹ consider the number and nature of contacts required by different occupations

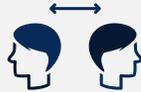
In addition to health risks associated with **clinical outcomes and death**, KDHE considered the following exposure-related risks in our approach



Proximity



Residents and staff are less than 6ft away from one another



Type of contact



Exposure to droplets, shared surfaces, common items



Contact duration



Average interactions last more than 10 min



Challenges to implement protective measures



Space is indoors, confined, or it is not possible to control with whom workers will interact

1. See DHS, [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response](#) and CDC [guidelines for those living in close quarters, shelters, nursing homes](#) and on [how the coronavirus spreads](#)