COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Tiers

The Southern Nevada Health District will be administering COVID-19 vaccine in coordination with the Nevada State Immunization Program and State Public Health Preparedness staff. The vaccine will initially be received in limited supplies. A tiered distribution is planned to ensure there is equitable access to the vaccine by the critical populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

When the first shipments of vaccine are received, it will be administered to the groups who are most at risk of direct exposure to the virus because they are caring for those infected with or suspected of having COVID-19, they are handling specimens of the virus, or they are providing essential emergency services. Health care workers and other critical personnel are included in this first group to ensure they are protected, the medical system is not overtaxed, and they can continue to take care of you and your families.


**TIER 1**
- General Medical and Surgical Hospital
- Long Term Care Facility Staff and Residents
- Psychiatric and Substance Disorder Hospital
- Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- Public Health Workforce
- Laboratory Workers
- Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians
- Outpatient and Home Health Providers
- Nevada Department of Corrections Staff
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety

**TIER 2**
- Deployed and mission critical personnel who play an essential role in national security
- Emergency Operations Center Staff
- POD Volunteers
- Education and Childcare Staff
- Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Faculty
- Essential Public Transportation
- Agriculture and Food Processing
- Essential Retail Workers
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Utilities and Communications Infrastructure
- NDOT and Local Emergency Road Personnel
- Community Support (e.g., food banks, DETR, WIC)
- Airport Operations
- Depository Credit Institution Workforce
- Mortuary Services
- Remaining Public Health Workforce
- Additional Critical Infrastructure
- Inmates

**TIER 3**
- Transitional Housing for Released Offenders
- Homeless
- People with Underlying Health Conditions that are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19
- Elderly Nevadans Age 65+ without Underlying Health Conditions
- Remainder of NSHE Staff

**TIER 4**
- Healthy People Aged 16-64