



Chisago County Health and Human Services Public Health Division



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Chisago County COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

Chisago County Public Health is working diligently on planning and administering the COVID-19 vaccine in a phased approach set forth by the Federal Government and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Currently, Chisago County Officials are **not** accepting calls from the general public to schedule vaccine appointments at this time. Chisago County Public Health is working with employers within the identified phased vaccination groups on vaccine distribution. We will continue to work through the defined phased priority groups (as defined by MDH) with the vaccine doses that are allotted to us until we are able to vaccinate the broader community who were not included in the initial vaccination phases. Priority groups **do not need to contact public health** to receive the vaccine, **public health will contact these groups directly**.

Priority groups are vaccinated by either a local health care facility or our local public health department. At this time the groups that local public health are responsible for in Phase 1a (first and second priority) have completed their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or have been contacted to be vaccinated in the near future. Public Health is moving on to Phase 1a Third Priority Group at this time.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Governor have concluded that health care systems and other vaccination partners, to include local public health, can provide vaccines to broader categories of Minnesotans – including Minnesotans 65 years of age and older, K-12 educators, and Childcare providers as soon as possible. However, public health can only vaccinate these groups as quickly as the vaccine gets distributed to us. At this time public health is not taking appointments for those in Phase 1b. Public health will notify and offer messaging to these populations when scheduling for Phase 1b occurs.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccine and distribution, please visit the local and statewide resources below (information is fluid and is subject to change):

[Minnesota State COVID-19 Response Website](#)

[Minnesota Department of Health Website](#)