



VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1c In Depth

While the supply is limited, COVID-19 vaccine will be provided to specific groups of people over a number of phases. Virginia guidance was adapted from [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations](#) that aim to (1) decrease COVID-19 deaths and serious disease, (2) preserve functioning of society, and (3) reduce the extra burden COVID-19 is having on people already facing disparities.

Everyone who works or lives in Virginia should pre-register at vaccinate.virginia.gov or 877-VAX-IN-VA.

Virginia's Phase 1c: Vaccinate Other Essential Workers

Other Essential Workers

Definition of Other Essential Workers

In Phase **1b**, frontline essential workers were included. Vaccination will be allocated to additional essential workers in Phase **1c**. These workers are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and/or are at higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Other Essential Workers include the following:

- Energy
- Water, Wastewater, and Waste removal (includes recycling removal)
- Housing and Construction
- Food Service
- Transportation and Logistics
- Institutions of Higher Education Faculty/Staff
- Finance
- Information Technology & Communication
- Media
- Legal Services
- Public Safety (including engineers)
- Other Public Health Workers
- Barbers, Stylists, Hairdressers

Overlap of vaccination of groups is expected to ensure people in Phase 1c are vaccinated as quickly and efficiently as possible. Opportunities to vaccinate Other Essential Workers should not be missed. Local health districts have discretion as to how to operationalize the list of essential workers, with the expectation that they follow the general spirit of the enumerated list to the greatest extent possible.

The [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response](#) is a framework that can be used to evaluate certain occupational groups to support prioritization decisions when the vaccine is in short supply. It is intended to be used together with CDC-ACIP and VDH recommendations. The definitions provided in the guidance document can be used to better understand certain types of workers. Examples of specific jobs that are included in some categories are listed below based on frequently asked questions from the public. These examples do not include all possible jobs that fit into these categories.



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Category	Examples of jobs included
Energy	Electric industry, petroleum industry (including gas station workers), natural gas industry, and renewable energy
Water, wastewater, and waste removal	Water and utility, recycling removal, plumbers
Housing and construction	Hotel (traveler accommodations), HVAC technicians, hardware stores and similar retail stores, housing construction, house painters, electricians, housing and real estate services
Food Service	Restaurant (servers and back of house)
Transportation and Logistics	Shipyards, maritime, Welcome Center, road construction industry, air traffic controllers and TSA, airline pilots, flight crews, airline ground crews, airport personnel, car retail and repair
Institutions of Higher Education	Faculty and staff
Finance	Insurance carriers and related activities, accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services
Information Technology and Communication	Internet/cell phone technicians, workers responsible for infrastructure construction or restoration, data center operators
Legal Services	Workers supporting operations of the judicial system, including lawyers and others providing legal assistance. (Note: judges and judicial workers are included in the "Continuity of Government" group in Phase 1b.)
Public Safety	Engineers, emergency communication centers
Hair Stylists	Barbers, stylists, hairdressers