Virginia COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance

This guidance document was developed to plan for a COVID-19 vaccine distribution for the Commonwealth. The prioritization was developed to account for several planning assumptions:

- The vaccine amount the Commonwealth receives is a scarce resource.
- The Vaccination Prioritization Guidelines follow the recently released ACIP recommendations.
- Healthcare Workers in Phase 1a is further defined to aid in allocation of scarce resources.
- Facility types are included to help determine those at highest risk for treating suspected or know COVID-19 patients, those working in areas that serve high risk populations, and those working in areas that are deemed critically important to the continuity of the healthcare system.
- Population estimates are included based on surveys conducted by facility type and to help plan for the Commonwealth’s allocation.

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| i. Healthcare personnel who directly engage in the care of or interact with patients known or suspected of COVID-19, or who have direct exposure to potentially infectious materials from patients known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19. | Health Systems: 124,000
Residential Care facility staff (DBHDS, private psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation hospitals): 4,000
EMS: 27,000
Dialysis: 10,000
DOC: 4,500 | 169,500 |
| ii. Healthcare personnel who interact with patients at higher risk for infection due to the patients’ individual risk factors but are not known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 (dialysis, residential care facilities and EMS) | Skilled nursing facilities
Assisted Living Residential Care Communities Intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities State Veterans Homes | 158,000 |
| iii. All other employees in populations included in other employees and contracted personnel not otherwise vaccinated per the above categories whose duties may require access to clinical setting at health | Health Systems: 55,000
Residential Care Facilities (DBHDS, private psychiatric facilities, | 70,000 |
system facilities or who are critical to the ongoing operations of health system facilities.

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| iv. All other Healthcare Personnel who interact with patients not known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19. | Rehabilitation hospitals: 5,000  
EMS: 10,000 |
| Home Health & Hospice  
Ambulatory Surgery Centers  
FQHC  
Public health workers (patient facing)  
CSBs  
Primary Care Offices  
Dental Practices  
Pharmacies  
Other | 43,000 |

| Phase 1c – High Risk Adults |