



Nevada's COVID-19 Vaccination **Prioritization and Eligibility of Behavioral Healthcare Providers** **12/22/20**

Due to limited number of initial COVID-19 vaccine doses allocated to Nevada and considering the need to protect the functioning of Nevada's critical infrastructure and the safety of workers in the state, it will be necessary to prioritize vaccine eligibility among and within the identified critical infrastructure groups.

Behavioral Health providers are included in Tier 1. This includes inpatient and outpatient behavioral health providers however, there are some considerations.

Nevada TIER 1/CDC Phase 1a

- General Medical and Surgical Hospital
- Long Term Care Facility Staff and Residents

Nevada TIER 1/CDC Phase 1b

- Psychiatric and Substance Disorder Hospital
- Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- Public Health Workforce
- Laboratory Workers
- Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians
- Outpatient and Home Health Providers

More information about COVID-19 Vaccination Program Nevada's Playbook for Statewide Operations V2 is available here: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NEVADA-COVID-19-VACCINE-PLAYBOOK-VERSION-2.0.pdf>.

Considerations for all eligible populations in Tiers 1 and 2

Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Group on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [recommendations](#), which specify prioritization within population groups should be based on the risk of acquiring infection and the risk of transmitting infection to others, the key determining factor to determine initial tiered vaccination eligibility is if performing the employee's position requires unavoidable, close and prolonged contact with others. **Therefore, within each eligible population listed above, an individual whose position can work remotely or socially distancing is possible while performing work duties is not recommended to receive the COVID-19 vaccination in the initial tiered rollouts (i.e., Tiers 1 and 2).**

Mere employment within a tiered population category does NOT automatically make an individual eligible for initial vaccination. It is the responsibility of each organization to evaluate each employee's position or each job title, using the exclusion criteria above, to determine tiered vaccination eligibility. The goal of these evaluations is to prioritize true **frontline** employees within an organization whose job cannot be made remote or accommodate social distancing

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and to conserve limited vaccine allocations for individuals facing higher risk, by positioning employees facing lower risk on subsequent tiers.

Additional information regarding the ACIP recommendations can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6947e3.htm>.

The framework for priority evaluation for tiered eligibility should include the following considerations:

Occupational Group	Recommended to receive early vaccination in tiered priority group	Not recommended to receive early vaccination in tiered priority group
Healthcare Workers/Behavioral Health associated support and administrative workers within healthcare settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have direct patient contact. Those who have regular and direct contact with healthcare workers who have direct patient contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who can perform their duties remotely and do not have direct or indirect contact with patients.

General Information

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has been planning and working diligently to prepare Nevada for the COVID-19 vaccine and continues to update the plans as more information is received from the federal government and additional doses are received in the states.

Information on the COVID-19 vaccine and planning can be found on the Nevada State Immunization program website here: http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID_Vaccine/

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine for either yourself or your workforce, please complete the form here: [Nevada COVID 19 Vaccine Interest Form](#). Once the form is submitted the collected information will be shared with the appropriate county jurisdiction.

If you are interested in stocking and administering the COVID-19 vaccine and are enrolled in NV WebIZ and you have a stand-alone freezer and a stand-alone refrigerator with digital temperature monitoring devices for vaccine storage please complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VLNBGB>.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 provider enrollment, email DPBHCVID19VAX@health.nv.gov or call 775-684-5900.

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Clark County Vaccination Information

Southern Nevada Health District is supporting vaccination for Behavioral Health providers. For updated information please visit: <http://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/>

You can sign up to receive information on vaccination availability for your Tier here: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-vaccine-facility-form/>

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Healthcare/Behavioral Health facilities can submit details for facility level vaccinations <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-vaccine-facility-form/>

Washoe County Vaccination Information

Washoe County Health District is supporting vaccination for Behavioral Health providers.

For updated information please visit: <https://www.washoecounty.us/health/programs-and-services/ephp/communicable-diseases-and-epidemiology/educational-materials/COVID-19-vaccine.php>

You can sign up to receive information on vaccination availability for your Tier here: <https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/COVIDVaccinations>

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Rural and Frontier County Vaccination Information

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is responsible for COVID-19 vaccinations in Nevada's rural and frontier counties and they are supporting vaccinations for Behavioral Health providers.

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