

Vaccine Planning Work Group

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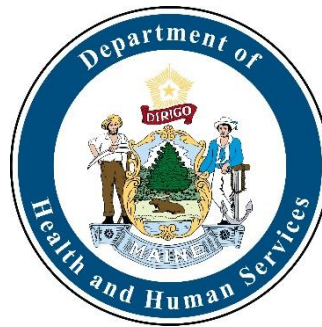
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<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/covid-19-providers/communications.shtml>

We appreciate the time and effort taken by everyone joining to help the Maine CDC with COVID-19 vaccine planning.

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Disclaimer

All information in this presentation is subject to change.
Information shared in these slides are assumptions
as of 2/10/2021.

Agenda

- General Updates
- J&J Vaccine
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Improving COVID-19 Vaccine Equity

General Updates

Maine Doses administered 2/10/2021

- 208,302 total doses administered
- 151,010 first doses
- 57,292 final doses
- 4.26% of population that have received their final doses

Maine's Allotment Week #10 distribution

- 8,775 doses of Pfizer
- 13,700 doses of Moderna
- 4300-4800 doses allotted to 22 Walmart Pharmacies and 2 Sam's Clubs

Phase 1b Update

- On February 4, 2021, the Department announced that Maine has vaccinated over 20 percent of people ages 70 and older.
- Using current supply projections for the next three weeks, we anticipate that two-thirds of people in this age group could be vaccinated by the start of March.

General Updates

- Vaccine Shipments
 - Monday February 15, 2021
- Quarantined Vaccine Shipments Boost Doses
 - Will arrive next week.
 - If you are receiving an allotment in addition to the boost doses they will arrive in the same shipment.
 - Use your allotment communication to determine new 1st and boost doses.

General Updates

Provider Site Updates

- COVID-19 Vaccine Communication page on the COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Portal

Maine Residency Requirement

- Stated in the Public FAQs
- Residents of other states cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Maine at this time.
- Maine is receiving an extremely limited supply of vaccine based on the number of Maine residents.

General Updates

Maine COVID-19 Provider Vaccination sites must:

- Notify individuals at the time of registration that COVID-19 vaccine is currently available only to Maine residents. For example, have call center staff ask, “Is Maine your primary residence?”
- A “Maine resident” is defined as an individual living in the State of Maine with the intent to remain in the state.
- If the individual is living in Maine and has entered the State with a job commitment or seeking a job (even if only a temporary job such as migrant or seasonal workers), the individual is considered to be a Maine resident.
- An individual who is in Maine temporarily (e.g., a visitor, tourist), does not have a job commitment, and is not seeking a job is not a resident. The individual should be advised that they should seek vaccination in their state of residency.

General Updates

Maine COVID-19 Provider Vaccination sites must:

- Let registrants know that they will need to bring some proof of identity and documentation that shows their Maine residence when they come in for vaccination. Documentation of Maine residence could include any of the following:
 - Maine driver’s license or state identification card;
 - Bill with their name and local Maine address;
 - A letter or statement from their employer verifying their employment in Maine; or
 - Other piece of mail that shows their name with a local Maine address.
- At the time of vaccination, vaccination site staff should request that individuals show their “proof of Maine residence,” as noted above; in the interest of expediency, vaccination site staff may use discretion as to whether the proof of residence is sufficient.

General Updates

Vaccine sites' interpretation of the phases for vaccination

- Providers do not have the authority to determine who is in what phase and when different groups should be vaccinated.
- The State of Maine will review the U.S. CDC's recommended definitions of "high-risk medical conditions," "front-line essential workers," or "other critical frontline workers" as these phases approach.
- Vaccination sites should not pre-register people in these groups at this time.
- Definitions and its description of the [phases](#) on the Governor's [COVID Vaccine website](#).
- Please note that vaccinating people who are not currently eligible under the State plan is a violation of the Provider Agreement with the Maine Immunization Program.

J &J Vaccine

- J&J is also referred to as Janssen Pharmaceuticals
 - Submitted for Emergency Use Authorization, Thursday January 4, 2020
 - No preservative and no reconstitution required
 - 0.5 ml per dose, single dose administration
- Storage
 - Long-Term Storage -20 degrees C for 2 years
 - 2-8 degrees C for up to 3 months
 - 2-8 degrees C for up to 6 hours after first use
- Packaging
 - 5 doses in a vial, 10 vials to a box.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

FQHC COVID-19 Vaccine Program

- HRSA + CDC collaboration
- Program Focus: Ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccine
- HRSA Funded Health Centers
- Federal Allocation
- Beginning next week in 7 states, 25 locations
- None in Region #1, None in Maine
- End of 3rd week a supported clinic in all states

Ensuring Racial/Ethnic Equity

Required focus on equity

- One of the core principles for vaccine distribution in the State of Maine is equity.
- The limited number of vaccines in the State has meant difficult decisions about how and to whom we roll-out vaccine.
- Even within each tier, many other factors contribute to health outcomes.
- Vaccination sites can and should examine how to more equitably distribute vaccine within each eligible group. Specifically, sites should work to eliminate barriers to access for hard-to-reach, marginalized and medically-underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minority groups, sexual and gender minority groups, tribal communities, individuals living with disability, those living on the margins of our economy, and those living in rural/geographically isolated communities.

Ensuring Racial/Ethnic Equity

- Improving COVID-19 Vaccine Equity:
 - ME DHHS Equity webinar Wed, Feb 17, 7:30 – 8:30AM
 - Register in advance:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register>
- Patient/ Public education
 - [Info & education sheet](#)

*NOTE: **NO** Clinic Info Session Tues, Feb 16, 7:30A

WHY ARE YOU ASKING MY RACE AND ETHNICITY?

We care about equity.

Maine is committed to ensuring that COVID-19 vaccines are distributed equitably to all Mainers. We understand that the pandemic has disproportionately affected Black, Latino, Asian and Tribal populations and want to ensure that vaccines reach those communities.

We want to serve your needs.

Like other demographic data, this information helps state and local entities understand how programs and policies are working for various groups. We use the data to make changes to those programs and policies so they are culturally and linguistically tailored to communities. In short, it holds us accountable and helps us to better serve your needs.

To help ensure equal opportunity.

We have an obligation to detect and deal with apparent inequity. Government, policy makers, and advocates use this data to identify potential gaps and advocate for change that improves the lives of communities.

What about privacy? Race v. ethnicity?

We compile this information to create statistics for groups of people that share particular answers. We do not disclose personally identifying information. We are legally bound to strict confidentiality requirements. Individual records are not shared with anyone, including state agencies and enforcement entities.

Race is a socially determined category used to describe real or perceived differences between groups of people. **Ethnicity** is a socially determined category used to describe nationality, or shared custom or culture. We use standard categories that allow us to compare across other systems and states. We understand the categories may not be the way you would normally describe yourself.



COVID Vaccination Dashboard

- <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/dashboard>

Contact Information

C19Vaccine.MECDC@maine.gov

For questions regarding vaccine planning for COVID-19:

- Vaccine planning logistics – enrolled providers only
- Any follow-up questions to these weekly Vaccine Planning Work Group Meetings

C19PA.MECDC@maine.gov

To submit documents for COVID-19 vaccine enrollment:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement
- Storage & handling documentation if required

Website Information

[ImmunizeME.org](https://www.immunizeME.org)



Pediatric (0-10 years)



Adolescent (11-18 years)



Adults (19 & Older)



Pregnancy



Vaccine Clinics



For Providers



COVID-19 Providers



Questions?

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