

Primary Care Practice Preparation for COVID-19 Vaccinations



- Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines boost your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you and your patients from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

STEPS

1. Complete ImmuNet requirements *including site onboarding AND vaccinator registration (vaccination ordering not available currently)*
2. Educate and encourage your team to get vaccinated *as part of the Maryland Vaccination Priority Phase 1A*
3. Direct your patients to a vaccination site *by identifying patients for each vaccination priority phase*

Current Phase:

1C

as of 1/25/21

STEP 1: Complete ImmuNet Requirements



1A: Onboard your site to ImmuNet

(Check with your MDPCP Practice Coach if you do not know your status)

Not enrolled AND not reporting

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Onboard your site to ImmuNet: complete [form](#) and wait for an email with your username and password

OR

Enrolled BUT not reporting

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1. Follow guide to "Providers with Electronic Health or Medical Records Systems EHR/EMR" in [ImmuNet](#)
2. Send a Help Desk ticket to your EHR vendor and include:

- Your ImmuNet Org ID
- [Technical specs](#)
- ImmuNet [contact info](#)

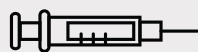
OR

Enrolled AND reporting

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Verify that your patients' records in ImmuNet are being accurately transmitted to ImmuNet by [logging in](#) and viewing a recently immunized patient's record for completeness.

1B: Register as a vaccinator site (if you plan on administering vaccines) ** As of 1/19/21, currently not in effect

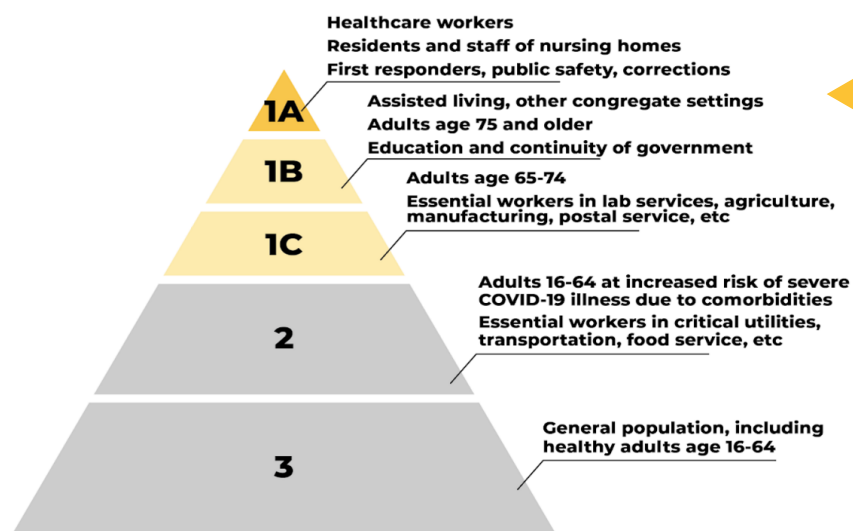


Vaccinator Resources

Manufacturer Storage and Handling - [Moderna](#) | [Pfizer](#)

Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheets - [Moderna](#) | [Pfizer](#)

STEP 2: Educate and Encourage Your Team to Get Vaccinated



Vaccine prioritization subject to change. Current as of January 5, 2021.

Healthcare workers are in prioritization Phase 1A and should contact their affiliated hospital system or Local Health Department to make arrangements for vaccination.



Educational Resources

1. COVID Vaccine Education and Equity Project: [Talking to Family and Friends about Covid-19 Vaccination](#)
2. CDC: [COVID-19 Vaccine Basics: What Healthcare Personnel Need to Know](#)
3. CDC: [Pfizer and Moderna Product Info Sites](#)
4. CDC: [Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Among Your Patients](#)
5. CDC: [Learn About the New mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

STEP 3: Direct Your Patients



3A: Identify patients with COVID-19 vaccine priority criteria

1A

- All licensed, registered and certified health care providers
- Residents and staff of nursing homes
- First responders, public safety, corrections

1B

- Residents and staff of Assisted living facilities, independent living, and other congregate facilities
- Adults age 75 and older
- Education staff, including K-12 teachers, support staff and daycare providers
- People in Continuity of government
- Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS
- Correctional health care staff and officers
- Front line judiciary staff

1C

- Adults age 65-74
- Essential workers in lab services, food/agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, grocery/convenience stores, public transit

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- Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
- Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc

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- General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

Vaccine prioritization may be subject to change. The state has adopted a rolling vaccine allocation model, meaning it may not wait for every member of a particular group to get vaccinated before moving ahead; individuals will still have the opportunity to be vaccinated in subsequent phases.

3B: Share information on vaccination sites

Vaccine locator and scheduling site: covidvax.maryland.gov

Instruct your patients to schedule directly with the hyperlink listed above. Please note that vaccine supply and appointment availability are limited currently.