Due to limited allocation of the vaccine, the South Dakota Department of Health will use COVID-19 infection rates and will follow recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to guide which counties will receive the vaccine first. Individuals qualifying for vaccination based on age or underlying health condition must be South Dakota residents.

**Priority Groups for Phase 1**

- **Frontline Healthcare Workers** (working in an emergency department, ICU, COVID unit, or general acute care)
- **Long-Term Care Facility Healthcare Workers**
- **Other healthcare workers, including laboratory and clinic staff**
- **Public Health Workers**
- **Emergency Medical Services**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Correctional Officers**
- **Persons Aged 65 Years and Older**
- **High Risk Patients** - dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer
- **High Risk Residents in Congregate Settings, Residents in Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes**
- **Persons with “infection medical condition” under the age of 65**
- **Teachers and Other School/College Staff**
- **Funeral Service Workers**

**Expected Vaccine Availability for South Dakota Residents**

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- **Fire Service Personnel**
- **Other Critical Infrastructure Workers**, including water and wastewater, energy, finance, food service, food and agriculture, legal, manufacturing, shelter and housing, transportation and logistics, information technology and communications

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**Estimated Vaccine Availability**

Note: Tribal vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the IHS

Veteran vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the VA