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.

**Expected Vaccine Availability in South Dakota**

### 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**
  - Starting with those 80 years of age and over (age to be lowered in coming weeks)
- **High Risk Patients**
  - Dialysis, post-transplant, and active cancer
- **High Risk Residents in Congregate Settings**
- **Residents of Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes**
- **Persons with 2 or More Underlying Medical Conditions**
- **Teachers and Other School/College Staff**
- **Funeral Service Workers**
- **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

### Estimated Vaccine Availability

- **Phase 1**
  - Frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility healthcare workers
  - EMS, public health workers, and other healthcare workers (lab & clinic staff)
  - 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
  - Persons with 2 or more underlying medical conditions
  - Teachers and other school/college staff
  - Funeral service workers
  - All others 16 years and older

- **Phase 2**

- **Estimated Vaccine Availability**

- **Note**: Tribal vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the IHS
- **Veteran vaccine allocation & administration is handled by the VA**