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.

**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

- **Long-Term Care Residents**
  (nursing home and assisted living)

- **Persons with 2 or More Underlying Medical Conditions**
  (cancer; chronic kidney disease; COPD; Heart Conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; Immune-compromised State (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant; Obesity or Severe Obesity; Sickle Cell Disease; Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus)

- **Teachers and Other School/College Staff**

- **Persons Aged 65 Years and Older**

- **Residents in Congregate Settings, Residents in Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes**

- **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

  [Click for More Information on Critical Infrastructure Sectors](https://www.southdakota.gov)

**COVID-19 VACCINE**

**Note:** The information provided is subject to change based on the latest guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health.