



MASSACHUSETTS ANNOUNCES COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Governor Baker announced yesterday that nearly 60,000 doses of the coronavirus vaccine have been ordered from the federal government and are expected to arrive in the state on December 15. By the end of the year, 300,000 doses are estimated.

Baker presented the state's **timeline** for administering the vaccine during his **COVID-19 Vaccine Presentation**. The vaccine, which is still pending approval by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), will be administered to Massachusetts residents in phases, due to limited availability of the doses. The federal government has recommended, and the Massachusetts COVID-19 Advisory Group has agreed, that the first phase will include people at highest risk for COVID-19, including healthcare providers, caretakers and first responders.

PHASE 1 (in order of priority) – December 2020 to February 2021

- Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long-term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- Police, fire and emergency medical services
- Congregate care settings (including shelters and corrections)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care

PHASE 2 (in order of priority) – February 2021 to April 2021

- People with two or more **comorbidities** (high-risk for COVID-19 complications)
- Early education, K-12, transit, grocery, sanitation, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, and public health workers
- Adults age 65 and older
- People with one **comorbidity**

PHASE 3 – April 2021 to June 2021

- General public

Additional information about the COVID-19 vaccination and distribution timeline in Massachusetts, including **frequently asked questions**, is available on the state's website.



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