



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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### DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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## COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is prioritizing the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in Arizona [in three phases](#). Arizona is currently in Phase 1A which includes healthcare personnel, healthcare support occupations and long-term care facility residents (and staff at these facilities). Phase 1A also includes Direct Care Workers providing home and community based services to members in their own homes.

Distribution of the vaccine will be conducted at the county level. Counties and tribal partners may elect to prioritize populations within each phase of the vaccine roll out, based on considerations specific to their jurisdiction. Please see your county's public health website for distribution information. Some counties, like Maricopa County, have a [Phase 1A pre-screening tool](#) in order to determine whether an individual meets the criteria for the 1A population. Points of Dispensing (POD) sites will be established in each county. Please refer to the [Arizona Department of Health Services COVID-19 vaccine web page](#) for county contacts and additional information about the vaccine and distribution plan. Additional links for county and clinic pre-registration and pre-screening for vaccine availability can be found at <http://azhealth.gov/findvaccine>.

Intermediate Care Facilities, Group Homes and Nursing Support Group Homes that are participating in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program will be contacted directly by a participating pharmacy to schedule the vaccination of residents and staff.

Qualified Vendors and Providers may get questions from members or their families regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. The Division has added a link to a [COVID-19 Vaccine Information in Plain Language](#) document created by the Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC) on its [Actions Related to COVID-19 web page](#). The Division is still awaiting confirmation on whether additional DDD members (not living in Long-Term Care Facilities) will be included among Phase 1C. The Division will communicate additional information as it becomes available from ADHS.