

COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1B Rollout

March 4, 2021

The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control announced Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination plan will begin Monday, March 8.

Beginning March 8, appointments to get the COVID-19 vaccine can be made by people in the following groups:

- **Anyone aged 55 and up**
- **People with increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease**
 - People aged 16-64 with one or more of the following high-risk medical conditions:
 - Cancer (current, not a history of cancer), chronic kidney disease (any stage), chronic lung disease, diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), Down syndrome, heart disease (congestive heart disease, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, pulmonary hypertension), HIV/AIDS, solid organ transplant, obesity (BMI >30), pregnancy, sickle cell disease.
 - People who have a developmental or other severe high-risk disability that makes developing severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection more likely
- **Frontline workers with increased occupational risk**

Frontline workers with increased occupational risk are people who:

 - Must be in-person at their place of work, and
 - Perform a job that puts them at increased risk of exposure due to their frequent, close (less than 6 feet) and ongoing (more than 15 minutes) contact with others in the work environment (public and other employees)

Phase 1B includes anyone age 55 and up, people aged 16-64 with one or more of the following high-risk medical conditions: cancer (current, not a history of cancer), chronic kidney disease (any stage), chronic lung disease, diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), Down syndrome, heart disease (congestive heart disease, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, pulmonary hypertension), HIV/AIDS, solid organ transplant, obesity (BMI >30), pregnancy, sickle cell disease. Also included, people who have a developmental or other severe high-risk disability that makes developing severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection more likely and [other frontline workers](#).

If you meet the Phase 1B criteria, you can make an appointment to receive your vaccine at <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/> at a location that is most convenient for you.

If you are eligible and want to receive the vaccine now in Phase 1B, we encourage you to do so.