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Agenda

- **Intro Comments**
- **School Programs**
- **Public Health**
- **Q&A Time**
- **Closing Comments**



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School Programs

Erich Ledebuhr
Hanscom Middle School Principal



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Public Health

Lt Col Gough
66th Medical Squadron



Vaccine Prioritizations



DoD Population Schema

CDC Phase	DoD Phase Level The final phase/tier is defined as the highest phase/tier for which a person qualifies.	
Phase 1a	Phase 1 All healthcare providers, healthcare support personnel, and emergency services & public safety personnel Healthcare and support personnel at Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) outpatient clinics, and ambulatory care facilities (including but not limited to dental clinics, medical homes, blood donation facilities, and counseling centers) May include military, civilian, contractor personnel, students, and other hospital non-clinical staff authorized to receive vaccinations from DoD and who support patient care and are at heightened risk of exposure to individuals who have contracted COVID-19	Sub-tier 1
		Sub-tier 2
		Sub-tier 3
Phase 1b	Phase 1b Critical National Capabilities/ Personnel preparing to deploy to locations outside the United States/ DoD Beneficiaries ≥ 75 years/ Frontline essential workers	
Phase 1c	Phase 1c All DoD Beneficiaries ≥ 65-74 years/ those ≥ 16-64 with increased risk for severe illness as defined by CDC Essential workers not previously included in Phase 1a or 1b	
Phase 2	Phase 2 All persons aged ≥ 16 years not previously recommended for vaccination	



Vaccine Timeline

- Currently in phase 1b, though individuals in phase 1a are still eligible to receive their COVID vaccine
- Eligible individuals for this round of vaccines have been notified
- Additional supplies of vaccines are expected to arrive later this month and in March at which time, eligible patients will be notified of vaccine availability
- Supply of vaccines is projected to increase in April/May to allow for progression to phase 1c



Procedures

- COVID vaccines will be given at the Youth Center to maximize efficiency and space
- Eligible individuals will be notified ahead of time with dates and times as to when they can start showing up at the Youth Center to receive their vaccination
- Individuals can receive their vaccination once their group has been identified as eligible
 - Vaccines are given on first-come, first serve basis within each phase
- Individuals are allowed to receive their vaccination off-base if they are offered
 - Individuals cannot receive doses of different vaccines for their two doses
- All individuals are required to fill out a 207 form prior to vaccination
 - Filling this form out prior to arrival is encouraged as it shortens wait times
 - Leadership will be sent these forms prior to vaccine times and can distribute



Additional Information

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

- Hanscom AFB is currently receiving small, intermittent shipments of the Moderna vaccine
- The vaccine is 2 doses given about 28 days apart
- Eligible personnel will be notified through multiple channels:
 - Unit leadership
 - Secure messaging and Telephone calls for patients enrolled in the clinic
 - Public Affairs office
- Vaccination will not change the current recommendations of 6 feet social distancing and mask wearing as all individuals are expected to continue these practices regardless of vaccination status
- ROM/Quarantine/Isolation protocols are also not expected to change for those who have been vaccinated
- Goal is to increase “immunity in the community” → lower COVID infections → less restrictions
- Public Health’s email: usaf.hanscom.66-abg.list.publichealth@mail.mil



Frequently asked questions

Common Vaccine Questions

- Can I get sick with COVID-19 from the COVID-19 vaccine?
 - No, the vaccine does not contain a live virus.
- What side effects are expected?
 - Common side effects are arm pain, fatigue, headache, muscle/joint pain, nausea, vomiting and fever. These typically resolve within 48 hours of vaccine administration.
- Will I test positive for COVID-19 after getting the vaccine?
 - No
- If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated?
 - Yes, because it is important to prevent re-infection and it is currently unknown how long natural immunity from COVID-19 infection lasts.
- Is the vaccine still voluntary?
 - Yes, it is voluntary but highly encouraged.
- Who should not get the vaccine?
 - Only people who have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or any ingredient of the COVID-19 vaccine (vaccine does not contain eggs)



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Colonel Stephens and CMSgt Hebb
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