

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Updates

Current as of Jan. 25, 2021

El Paso County strategy, phases and timeline

- El Paso County is currently vaccinating priority populations in Phases 1A and 1B (above the dotted line) of [Colorado's phased vaccine distribution plan](#).
- Phase 1A includes high-risk health care workers and individuals. Phase 1B (above the dotted line) includes everyone age 70 and older and other specific categories.
- There is a limited supply of vaccines. It will take some time for the supply to catch up to the demand.
- El Paso County anticipates finishing Phase 1B (above the dotted line) by the end of February and will start Phase 1B (below the dotted line) in March. Phase 1B (below the dotted line) includes frontline essential workers, essential state officials, and essential frontline journalists.
- The timeline is subject to change based on the federal supply chain and allocations.
- We are working to enroll more providers every day and are grateful to have the support of so many incredible partners and will share more information as it becomes available. Our partners are truly a force multiplier in our efforts to get vaccines to people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Vaccine availability

- There is currently a limited supply of vaccines. Based on the need to provide two doses to each of the approximately 65,000 people age 70 and older in El Paso County, the process of getting everyone who is 70 and older vaccinated will likely take at least through the end of February. We encourage those who want a vaccine to contact one of the many providers, but please know that it may take a few weeks before a vaccine is available.
- Seniors may choose to receive the vaccine from one of the vaccine providers with which they are affiliated, or they can receive it from any of the providers administering the vaccine to eligible individuals in El Paso County.
- Thank you for your patience as we work to keep our senior community healthy and safe. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine please visit www.elpasocountyhealth.org/how-will-i-get-the-vaccine or call Pikes Peak United Way 211.

Vaccine stats as of Jan. 25:

- **39,479** doses administered
- **8,463** immunization series completed
- **1,364** daily seven-day average
- **65,000** seniors 70+ in phase 1B
- **12,993** seniors 70+ vaccinated

Phase 1 vaccine providers:

- UCHealth
- Centura
- Optum and Mountain View Medical Center
- Peak Vista Community Health Centers
- Matthews-Vu Medical Group
- VA Eastern Colorado Health System
- Safeway Pharmacy

To find more information visit:

[www.elpasocountyhealth.org/
how-will-i-get-the-vaccine](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/how-will-i-get-the-vaccine)

- There is no cost to receive the vaccine. Please beware of any organizations soliciting the COVID vaccine at a cost.
- Link to [State FAQs on vaccine availability](#)

How vaccines are allocated

- The federal allocation of vaccine to the state of Colorado is by pro rata. Colorado represents 1.69% of the nation's population, so it receives less than 2% of the vaccines available each week. Based on this, Colorado receives between 60,000 and 80,000 doses per week.

State allocations

- 10% statewide distribution is allocated to CDPHE to support equity initiatives.
- 60% allocated to large hospital systems. In El Paso County, those are Centura Health and UCHealth.
- 15% federally qualified health systems, such as Peak Vista Community Health Centers
- 15% to local public health agencies. Currently, El Paso County Public Health is redistributing vaccines to community partners for vaccine administration.

What should people do until they are able to receive vaccine

- With the advent of vaccines, we have reached an exciting juncture in COVID-19 response efforts. After nearly a year of enduring the pandemic, it is our hope that the vaccine will be a powerful tool to help us return to some sense of normalcy. While we recognize that people are eager to receive the vaccine, it will take time and patience to get everyone vaccinated. We are working around the clock to make this happen as quickly as possible.
- Until the vaccine is more widely available, it's critical that everyone, including those who have already received the vaccine, continue to follow prevention measures to slow the spread of the virus: wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, and stay home when sick.

Next steps:

- We are working to get more detailed information about vaccine allocations from the state of Colorado ahead of time to enhance planning efforts. In the meantime, we will continue to put all available vaccines in arms of El Paso County residents as we wait for increased vaccination allocations.
- We are working to put additional infrastructure in place and onboarding more vaccine providers to accommodate our community as the number of vaccines increases.