

Community Pharmacists / Hub Hospitals Providing COVID-19 Vaccinations to Outpatient Health Workers – 1A.3

Priority Groups: Note: Health workers includes both health care professionals and other workers who work in health care settings
(Examples: receptionists, technicians, clerks, janitorial)

- Primary care: (family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics)
- Occupational health
- Urgent care
- Any health worker performing COVID-19 testing or COVID-19 vaccinations
- University health center
- School nurses: K-12 school health
- Dental
- Pharmacy
- Program for all Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) workers
- Home health, Private Care / Personal Care
- Hospice
- Dialysis
- Blood donation center workers
- EMS patient transport / first responders: paramedics, EMTs, fire and police – (many have already been vaccinated by ADH, a hospital or by a pharmacy)
- Health professions students working in priority groups above



Priority Groups that are receiving vaccinations at their workplace but could also receive in a community pharmacy:

- Hospital workers (Most have already been vaccinated by their hospital)
- Long-term care consultant pharmacists
- Long-term care staff (Most have or will be vaccinated in the long-term care facility, skilled nursing/assisted living/residential care/other licensed facilities)
- Long-term care survey and certification staff

Other Health Workers: As the priority groups are completed, move to other health workers in your community.

- Specialist physician/APRN clinics (cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, nephrology, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pain management, pulmonology, radiology, urology, and other specialties not already vaccinated)
- Advance practice nurses (APRNs) (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Athletic trainers
- Behavioral health
- Chiropractors
- Health professions students (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Lab technicians (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Medical assistants (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Mortuary service providers, coroners, and medical examiners
- Nurses (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Occupational therapy
- Optometry
- Organ transplant / procurement centers
- Physical therapy
- Physician assistants (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Podiatry
- Respiratory therapy
- Social workers (if not already vaccinated in the priority group above)
- Speech therapy
- Xray / imaging
- Workers needed to transport patients to health care facilities and provider appointments
- Any other health workers and support staff in health worksites such as clerks, receptionists, and janitors at risk of COVID-19 infection

Attestation of Completion: In my professional opinion, I estimate that greater than 80% of the outpatient health workers in my county have either been vaccinated or the demand has significantly fallen off in my county for Covid-19 vaccination:

Pharmacy: _____ City: _____ County: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

See FAQs on next page.

FAQs:

Who is not in 1a?

- **Veterinarians** and their team members are not part of 1a
- **Patients 75 and over** are not part of 1a, unless they are a health worker or LTC resident as defined in 1a
- **Patients 65 and over** are not part of 1a, unless they are a health worker or LTC resident as defined in 1a
- **Patients living in independent living facilities, senior care centers or retirement communities that are in facilities that are not licensed as a long-term care facility, assisted living facility or a residential care facility with the state of Arkansas** are not part of 1a
- **Spouses, children, parents, or other relatives of eligible patients in 1a** are not part of 1a unless they are health workers as defined in 1a
- **Friends of eligible 1a patients** are not part of 1a, unless they are health workers as defined in 1a
- **Public school employees** are not part of 1a unless they are health workers as defined in 1a
- **Governmental workers and politicians** are not part of 1a unless they are health workers as defined in 1a
- **Patients with chronic medical conditions** are not part of 1a unless they are health workers or LTC resident as defined in 1a

What do I do with unused doses in a vial, or doses that will expire within 6 hours, when I do not have patients left to vaccinate that fall into 1a? Can I give doses to patients who do not fall under the 1a categories?

- Scheduling patients and proper planning is needed to best use all doses to be given for 1a patients.
- If at all possible, do not waste or throw away doses.
- If despite best planning practices, you still have extra doses because of cancelled appointments or other factors outside your control, professional judgment should be exercised for COVID-19 vaccine administered to patients outside 1a. It is best practice to keep detailed written documentation to support these decisions when a patient is vaccinated with doses that would otherwise expire or be wasted. Do not intentionally schedule patients who do not fall under 1a for vaccine clinics.

The specifics for how many doses per vial for COVID-19 vaccines and when they expire after first use:

- **Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine:** After dilution, all doses should be used within 6 hours from the time of dilution. Each vial contains at least 5 doses, but some vials will contain 6 or even 7 total doses depending on overfill and the needle and syringe used. It will require detailed planning to administer all 5,6, or 7 doses within the 6-hour window.
- **Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:** After the first dose has been withdrawn, all doses from the vial should be given within 6 hours. The vial should be discarded after 6 hours. There are 10 doses per vial. It will require detailed planning to administer all 10 doses within the 6-hour window.