

5 things you need to know

1. The COVID-19 vaccine is 94% effective and will help protect you from getting the virus. It is not possible to get the virus as a result of receiving the vaccine.

 Two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are needed, administered 3-4 weeks apart. There may be mild, but temporary side effects. Anyone with severe allergies should consult their healthcare provider.

3. After receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, it is still important to wear masks, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

4. The COVID-19 vaccines have Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). COVID-19 vaccines are only approved for individuals 16 years of age and older at this time.

5. The COVID-19 vaccine distribution is currently in Phase 1, with Phase 2 estimated to begin in March 2021. (Estimated distribution schedule depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the U.S. Government.)

Phase 1A: High-risk healthcare workers; first responders; and older adults living in residential care settings

Phase 1B: People 65 years and older; medically vulnerable at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions; family caregivers of those medically vulnerable under the age of 16; residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities; first responders and healthcare workers not already vaccinated

Phase 2A: K-12 school and childcare staff

Phase 2B: People 50-64 years old

Phase 3A: Medically vulnerable individuals less than 50 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions

Phase 3B: Everyone else not already vaccinated

Please note, there is no need to contact your healthcare provider at this time unless to discuss whether or not you should receive the vaccine when you are eligible.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit vaccines.nh.gov. Those without Internet access are encouraged to call 2-1-1.



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