

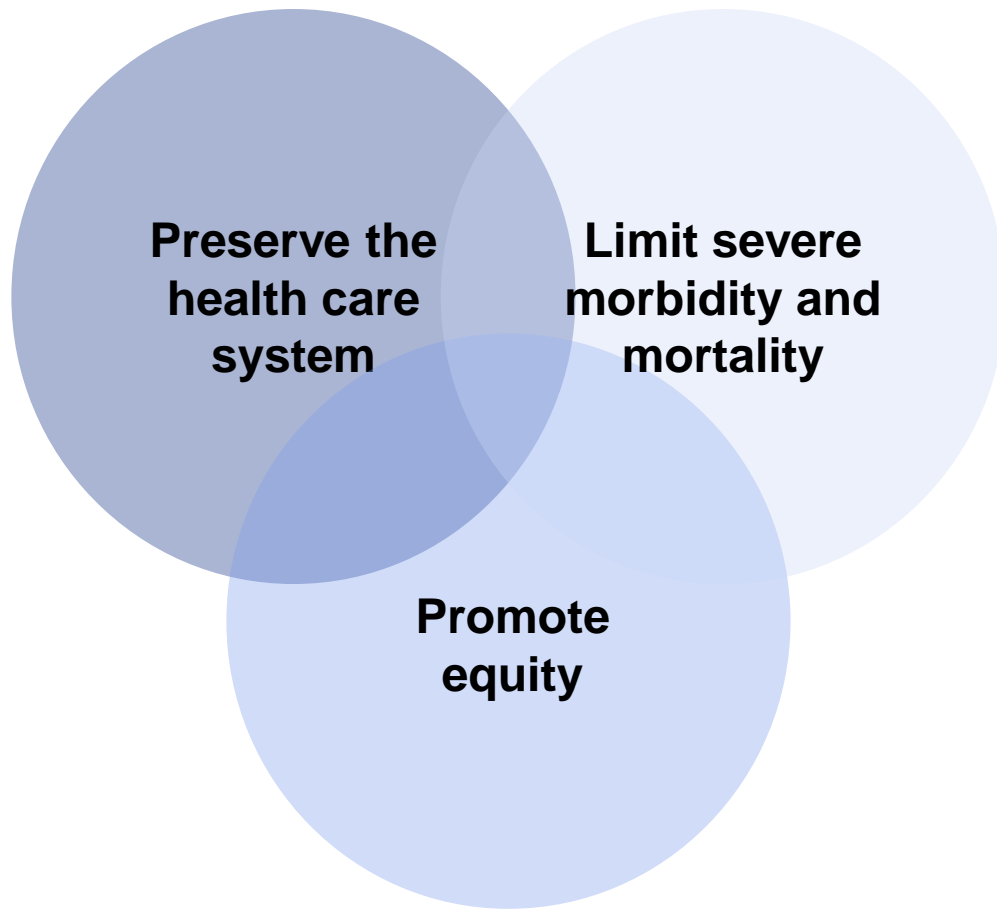
**OVERVIEW OF
THE MASSACHUSETTS COVID-19
VACCINATION PROGRAM (MCVP)**

**MA COVID-19 COMMAND CENTER
JANUARY 22, 2021**

Timeline

- October 7, Commonwealth convened a COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group in preparation for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine
- December 9, COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group recommends vaccine distribution priority groups. Vaccine is prioritized for specific groups to maximize life, to preserve the health care system and to address equity
- December 11, Pfizer received EUA for vaccine. Initial doses received in Massachusetts for COVID facing healthcare workers 12/14. Pfizer vaccine requires ultra cold storage and is shipped in boxes containing 975 doses
- December 18, Moderna received EUA for vaccine. Initial doses received in Massachusetts for COVID facing healthcare workers 12/21. Moderna vaccine can be stored in a regular freezer and is shipped in boxes containing 100 doses
- Covid facing healthcare workers began receiving vaccine on 12/14
- Workers and residents of nursing facilities began receiving vaccine on 12/28
- Workers and residents of some assisted living facilities, and rest homes began receiving e vaccine on 1/11
- First responders began to receive vaccine on 1/11
- Residents and staff in congregate settings began to receive vaccine on 1/18
- All individuals in phase 1 eligible to receive the vaccine as of 1/21

Advisory Group Recommendations Reflect Multiple Priorities



The Advisory Group took a strong stance on equity:

- Prioritizes all COVID-facing individuals in healthcare settings, including food service and environmental (not just doctors and nurses) as well as home health workers

Phased COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout

When can I get a **COVID-19** vaccine in MA?



PHASE ONE

In order of priority

- Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care

December - February

Estimated timeframes



PHASE TWO

In order of priority

- Individuals with 2+ comorbidities (high risk for COVID-19 complications), individuals age 75+, and residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Adults 65+
- Individuals with one comorbidity

February - April



PHASE THREE

Vaccine available to general public

April - June

For more information on vaccine distribution visit [Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine)



COVID Vaccination Phase 1 Timing By Group

As of January 21

COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: All Phase 1 Groups Eligible

- 1 COVID-facing healthcare workers Eligible Group
- 2 Long term care facilities (LTCF) Eligible Group
- 3 First responders (EMS, Fire, Police) Eligible Group
- 4 Congregate care settings (inc. corrections & shelters) Eligible Group
- 5 Home-based healthcare workers Eligible Group
- 6 Non-COVID-facing healthcare workers Eligible Group

For more details on each group and phase visit mass.gov/COVIDvaccine



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Where Will the Vaccine be Administered?

Find out where to
get vaccinated if you
are in **PHASE 1**



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- **Mass Vaccination Sites**
 - Gillette Stadium went live on 01/18
 - Fenway launching on 02/01
 - More sites to be announced
- **Retail Pharmacies (starting 1/25)**
 - CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Grocery Store Pharmacies, etc.
- **Primary Care, Medical Sites, Community Clinics**
 - Private medical offices, hospitals and community health centers, local and regional community clinics
- **Employer Groups holding vaccination clinics for employees (optional)**
 - Opportunity to apply for the Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Program (MCVP)

Vaccination Options for Employers

- **Option 1:** If an employer is interested and *has the ability* to vaccinate staff, can work with provider partner to request vaccine directly from DPH. *If you offer on site flu clinics you can leverage that playbook*
Requirements:
 - You, or your clinical partner, must be registered with the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) and submit a completed unique [Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Program \(MCVP\) Agreement](#)
 - Must have a vaccination standing order in place, signed by a medical provider.
 - Must have the capacity to fully organize and staff the clinics to meet the vaccination needs of at least **200 individuals to qualify**.
 - Must have refrigeration/freezer capacity, personal protective equipment (PPE), & clinical and non-clinical staffing to support the effort
- **Option 2:** Employers may leverage an existing relationship with a health care provider or pharmacy to host an onsite clinic. If you have identified a provider partner and need help obtaining the vaccine, Mary Joyce is the contact at Mary.Joyce@dot.state.ma.us
- **Option 3:** Encourage your employees to use a mass vaccination site, their primary care provider or provider site listed on the COVID-19 vaccine map: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-individuals-currently-eligible-to-be-vaccinated>

Employer Engagement

- **Communicate information on benefits and safety of vaccine to employees and surrounding community**
 - Public awareness campaign around safety of vaccine launches 02/07. Materials can be shared for distribution.
- **Encourage employees, when eligible, to receive the vaccine**
 - Communicate when employee's phase starts and eligible to receive vaccine.
- **Host a clinic for employees, if interested**
 - Work with provider (e.g. wellness partner) to apply for MA COVID-19 Vaccine Program (MCVP) to order and administer vaccinations to employees.



FAQs:

It's **SAFE**



The available COVID-19 Vaccines are approved and recommended by the FDA and CDC.

By **prioritizing resources and efforts**, the vaccines were developed quickly and **never** at the expense of safety.

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Is the vaccine safe?

- **Yes. The vaccine is safe.**
- Vaccines go through more testing than any other pharmaceuticals, including extensive testing in clinical trials
- The FDA, which approves the vaccine, and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), reviewed data to ensure the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are both safe and effective
- The infectious disease leads in the state's academic medical centers also reviewed the EUA data for both vaccines and provided an independent opinion about their safety and efficacy and recommended their use

It's **FREE**

The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered **free of charge** to all individuals by the federal government.



No insurance is required.

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What will the vaccine cost?

- **The vaccine is being provided free of charge to all individuals**
- There is no cost to the individual.
- Insurance companies will not charge any out-of-pocket fees or co-payments related to COVID-19 vaccine administration
- All health care provider sites that receive vaccine must agree to not charge patients out-of-pocket fees or deny anyone vaccination

Other FAQs are available on mass.gov/covidvaccine

Additional Information:

- You must receive 2 shots in order to be fully vaccinated with the current vaccines
- If you have recently received the flu shot, you must wait 14 days to get the COVID-19 vaccine
- Most common side effects include pain at the injection site, fatigue, joint pain and headache
- Please continue to check our website as a source of truth.
www.mass.gov/covidvaccine

Other Useful Sites:

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html>

FAQs about COVID-19 Vaccination

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

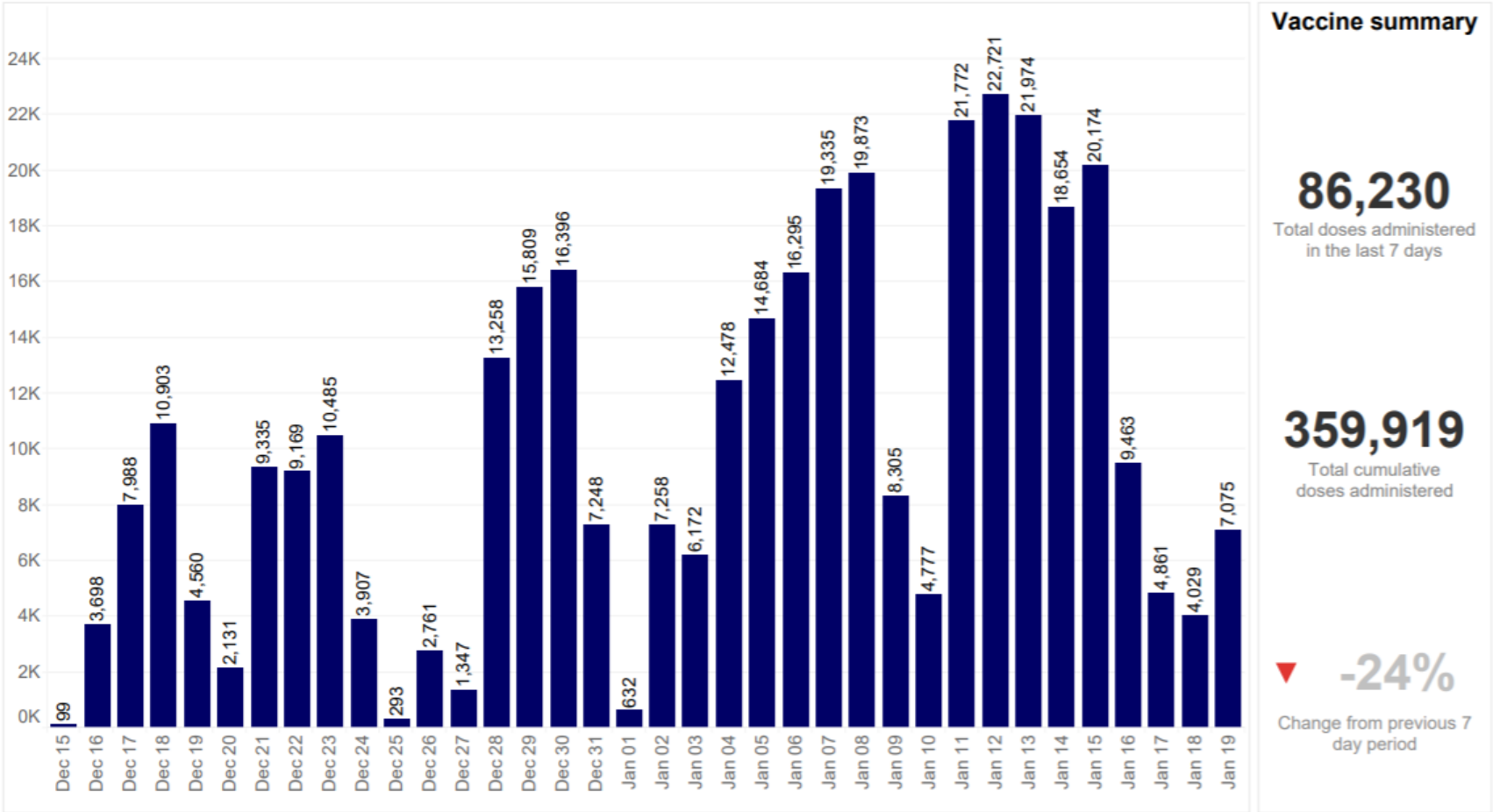
Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group

- Vaccine prioritization reflects the recommendation of the [Vaccine Advisory Group](#), a group of leaders from healthcare, epidemiology, community organizing, local government, and others
 - The group developed their recommendations over ten working sessions in October and November
- Dr. Paul Biddinger, Chair - Mass General Brigham
 - State Senator Cindy Friedman - Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
 - State Representative Ronald Mariano – House Majority Leader
 - Mayor Daniel Rivera - City of Lawrence
 - Dr. Vincent Chiang - Boston Children’s Hospital
 - Dr. Robert Finberg - University of Massachusetts Medical School
 - Dr. Simone Wildes - South Shore Hospital
 - Dr. Sharon Wright - Beth Israel Lahey Health
 - Dr. Asif Merchant - Mass Medical Society
- Dr. Barry Bloom - Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
 - Dr. Marc Lipsitch - Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
 - Dr. John Rocchio - CVS Health
 - Dr. David Twitchell - Boston Medical Center
 - Michael Curry, Esq. - Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
 - Rev. Liz Walker - Roxbury Presbyterian Church
 - Wanda McClain - Brigham and Women’s Hospital
 - Phoebe Walker - Franklin Regional Council of Governments

COVID- 19 Vaccine Doses Administered

As of January 19

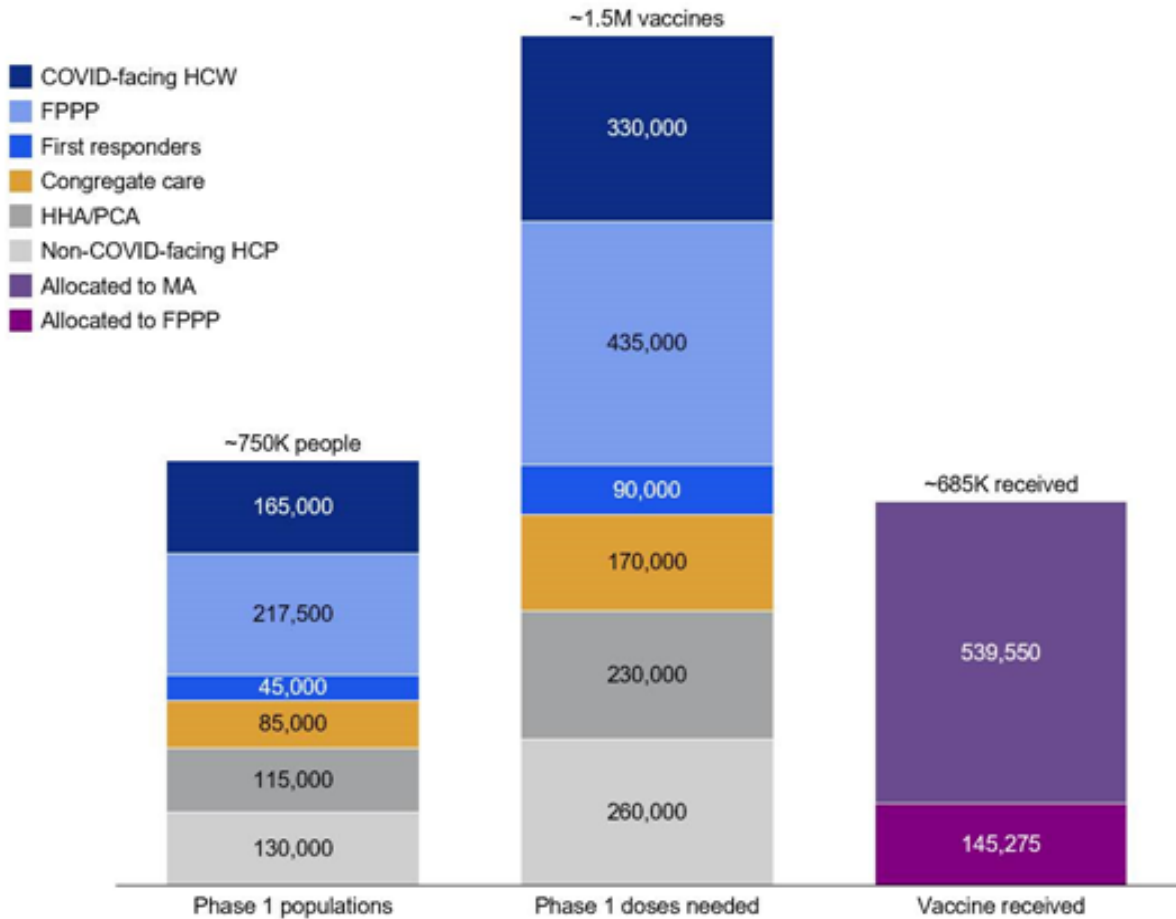
Data as of January 19, 2021



Note: Immunization data from most (but not all) providers in Massachusetts are reported into the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) through direct messages from electronic health records or direct entry by users. Due to inputting and processing, it may take 24-48 hours or more for shipping or administration data to appear in MIIS. MIIS data are available for analysis one calendar day after they are reported to the MIIS. Duplicate patient records may be created when patient information is not entered consistently. Current COVID-19 vaccines require two doses for a person to become fully vaccinated. Some individuals may receive a first or second dose from a non-reporting provider and would not be reflected as fully vaccinated. Data on doses administered includes doses administered by the Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program.

Comparing Phase 1 Populations and Received Vaccine

As of January 17



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