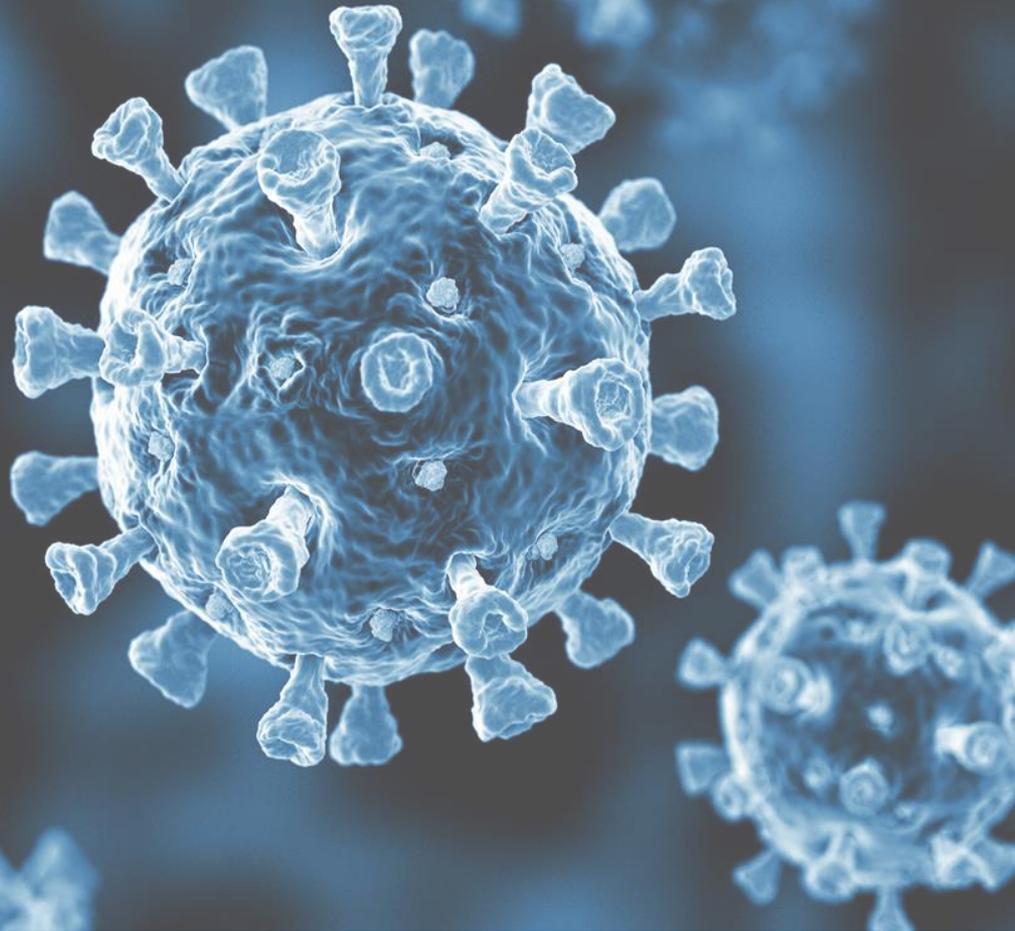


# COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Phase 1B medical conditions



# Protecting the most vulnerable Ohioans

During Phase 1B of Ohio's vaccination program, the number one goal has been saving lives.

Vaccine eligibility has been extended to individuals most at risk for complications, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19.

Ohioans age 65 and older are the biggest part of this group, and account for 87% of the state's COVID-19 deaths.

Eligibility also includes Ohioans who were born with or developed in early childhood certain conditions that were carried into adulthood and put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19.

# Objectives for vaccination plan

As Ohio approached the question of how to identify, link, and vaccinate this population, we had three key objectives:

## Access

We wanted an approach that would allow eligible Ohioans to access vaccination in their setting of choice, but also wanted to be sure that the state was not creating barriers for high-risk individuals.



## Accountability

We wanted to ensure there were measures in place to make sure the eligible population would have adequate access to doses.



## Efficiency

We wanted to make sure there were not any burdensome processes for patients or for providers administering the vaccine.

# Ohio's Vaccination Program

## Phase 1B

*Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19.*

The following group of Ohioans are included, even though they are not age 65 and older, because they were born with or developed in childhood a severe condition that puts them at very high risk for dying from COVID-19.

- Sickle cell anemia
- Down syndrome
- Cystic fibrosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- People born with severe heart defects requiring regular specialized medical care.
- People with severe type 1 diabetes, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
- Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders.
- Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly; and other severe neurological disorders.
- Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders.
- People with severe asthma, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
- Alpha and beta thalassemia
- Solid organ transplant candidates and recipients.



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# How providers can help educate the public

It's crucial to help Ohioans understand the eligibility criteria for this Phase 1B priority population.

The list of qualifying conditions should be published on your websites along with vaccination information so patients can do their research before trying to make an appointment.

## **Phase 1B: Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19**

**Eligibility date:** Beginning Feb. 15, 2021.

**Eligibility criteria:** The following group of Ohioans are included, even though they are not age 65 or older, because they were born with or developed in childhood a severe condition that puts them at very high risk for dying from COVID-19.

Sickle cell anemia.	Down syndrome.
Cystic fibrosis.	Muscular dystrophy.
Cerebral palsy.	Spina bifida.
People born with severe heart defects, requiring regular specialized medical care.	People with severe type 1 diabetes, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs disease, and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders.	Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly; and other severe neurological disorders.
Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders.	People with severe asthma, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
Alpha and beta thalassemia.	Solid organ transplant candidates and recipients.

# How providers should confirm eligibility

Ohioans who have one of the qualifying medical conditions can receive the vaccine from their provider of choice.

Hospital providers should proactively reach out to patients hospitalized in the past year for a qualifying condition to schedule the vaccination.

The State of Ohio is not requiring any additional documentation or proof of eligibility; however, providers may develop their own screening and monitoring procedures to evaluate eligibility.

Providers are asked to share the list of eligible conditions on their websites to help educate the public.

Before vaccination, providers are asked to confirm with patients, either verbally or using an online or paper form, that they have one of the conditions.

When submitting TP/O Checklist data, providers confirm that they have verified the eligibility of that patient through a review of electronic health records or by verbal confirmation.

# Sample script for eligibility confirmation

Below you will find suggested language to obtain verbal confirmation before vaccination.



Under Ohio's Phase 1B, vaccine eligibility includes Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19.

The following group of Ohioans are included, even though they are not age 65 or older, because they were born with or developed in childhood a severe condition that puts them at very high risk for dying from COVID-19.

**Do you confirm that you have one of the following medical conditions, and are eligible to receive a vaccination as part of Ohio's Phase 1B Vaccination**

**Program? Please respond "yes" or "no" after I read the list of conditions:**

The qualifying medical conditions are:

- Sickle cell anemia.
- Down syndrome.
- Cystic fibrosis.
- Muscular dystrophy.
- Cerebral palsy.
- Spina bifida.
- People born with severe heart defects requiring regular specialized medical care.
- People with severe type 1 diabetes who have been hospitalized in the past year.
- Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs disease, and other rare, inherited

metabolic disorders.

- Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly; and other severe neurological disorders.
- Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders.
- People with severe asthma, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
- Alpha and beta thalassemia.
- Solid organ transplant candidates or recipients.

**Patient responds "yes" or "no."**



# Sample form for eligibility confirmation

If you are using an online or paper-based registration and/or screening process, this suggested text could be used for an eligibility confirmation form.

- If you choose a checkbox approach like this on your website or on your own forms or documents, you should ask patients only to confirm that they have a condition making them eligible, not which specific condition they have.

## **Phase 1B: Ohioans born with or who have early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood, which put them at a higher risk for adverse outcomes due to COVID-19**

*The following group of Ohioans are eligible for vaccination because they were born with or developed in childhood a severe condition that puts them at very high risk for dying from COVID-19. Those conditions are:*

Sickle cell anemia.	Down syndrome.
Cystic fibrosis.	Muscular dystrophy.
Cerebral palsy.	Spina bifida.
People born with severe heart defects requiring regular specialized medical care.	People with severe type 1 diabetes, who have been hospitalized in the past year.
Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs disease, and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders.	Epilepsy with continuing seizures; hydrocephaly; microcephaly; and other severe neurological disorders.
Turner syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and other severe genetic disorders.	People with severe asthma, who have been hospitalized for this in the past year.
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**I confirm that I have one of the medical conditions listed above, and I am eligible to receive a vaccination as part of Ohio's Phase 1B Vaccination Program.**

# Data collection requirements

Providers will not be required to collect or submit additional forms; however, patients falling into this group will be identified by providers submitting population/occupation data.

By entering the TP/O code, providers confirm that they have verified the eligibility of that patient through a review of electronic health record or by verbal confirmation.

## COVID-19 Vaccination

Ohio Department of Health

### Population/Occupation Data Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients

**Purpose:** This checklist will be used to collect population and occupation information for COVID-19 vaccine recipients.

**SECTION 1: INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINE RECIPIENT (PLEASE PRINT)**

VACCINE RECIPIENT'S NAME	(First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
DATE OF BIRTH	(Month)	(Day)	(Year)

**SECTION 2: INFORMATION ABOUT POPULATION AND/OR OCCUPATION**

**Instructions:** Please check only one box in the section below. Please select the primary reason you are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

**TARGET POPULATION/OCCUPATION**

<b>Phase 1A</b>	<b>Phase 1B</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Facility – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Facility – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (RCF) – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (RCF) – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Dept. of Dev. Disabilities (DODD) – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Dept. of Dev. Disabilities (DODD) – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Veterans Home – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Veterans Home – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Correction – LTC residents <input type="checkbox"/> State of Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Correction – LTC staff <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Facility – Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Facility – Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital worker – Clinical Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital worker – Administrative Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital worker – Ancillary Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hospital healthcare worker – Administrative Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hospital healthcare worker – Ancillary Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hospital healthcare worker – Clinical Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services (EMTs/Paramedics)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals over 80 years of age <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals age 75 to 79 years of age <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals age 70 to 74 years of age <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals age 65 to 69 years of age <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Congenital Disorders or Early Onset Conditions with IDD <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals working in K-12 schools <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Congenital Disorders or Early in Life Conditions that Carried into Adulthood without IDD

Check the box under Phase 1B upon confirming eligibility before vaccination:  
**Individuals with Congenital Disorders or Early in Life Conditions that Carried into Adulthood without IDD.**

This data would then be uploaded to ImpactSIIS within 24 hours using the code TPV24.