

The State of Vermont's COVID-19 vaccination program has moved to an age-banded approach for the general population, but Vermonters who were first eligible as health care workers, first responders or long-term care residents, employees and members of fire, emergency medical services, and police emergency response organizations, and employees of the department of corrections that work inside correctional facilities are still eligible and can register by phone.

The following screening criteria should be used by the Vaccine Central Registration (VCR) call center to determine eligibility for vaccination as a part of the above 1a group. New groups will not be added to 1a. If a patient is not eligible based on the screening questions outlined below, they will need to wait for a new phase of the vaccine rollout in which they meet eligibility criteria. All age groups 16 and over will be eligible to register for a vaccine appointment by April 19, 2021 following the schedule published [here](#).

Screening questions:

1. Do you work in a setting providing direct care to COVID-19 positive patients [this includes deceased COVID-19 positive patients] or a laboratory providing COVID-19 testing services?
 - a. No – Go to question 2.
 - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
2. Are you a health care provider or support staff in a medical/clinical setting?
 - a. No – Go to question 3.
 - b. Yes
 - i. Do you have direct patient interaction that does not allow for social distancing?
 1. No – Go to question 3.
 2. Yes – Vaccinate.
3. Are you a first responder or public safety employee within an ambulance or rescue squad, fire or police department? OR, are you an employee of the Department of Corrections and working in a correctional facility?
 - a. No – Go to question 4.
 - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
4. Are you paid to provide medical care, even though you are not a medical provider or first responder? (e.g. personal care attendants, private duty caregivers)
 - a. No – Go to question 5
 - b. Yes
 - i. Do you have direct patient interaction that does not allow for social distancing?
 1. No – Go to question 5.
 2. Yes – Vaccinate.
5. Do you work or reside in a long-term care facility?
 - a. No – Go to question 6.
 - b. Yes – Vaccinate.
6. If patient does not meet any of the criteria in questions 1-5, that patient does not qualify for a vaccine in phase 1a and should wait until they are eligible under a different phase.