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WHEN CAN I GET A CORONAVIRUS VACCINE?

We have received many calls about the COVID-19 Vaccine. Every day we see news reports of people lining up everywhere to get a vaccine. Unfortunately, the reality still falls short of what we would wish to see. Millions of health care workers and residents of nursing homes may get immunized against the virus before the end of the year but the rest of the population is going to have to wait for months.

Connecticut



Over the last week, Connecticut has seen an average of **2,462** confirmed cases and **32** deaths per day. Connecticut has the **20th** most confirmed cases per capita among states and D.C. during the same period.

Phase 1A plans call for the first to receive the vaccine in are health-care personnel and residents and staff of nursing homes. These priorities were set based on their exposure to the virus and their critical role of keeping these hospitals and facilities functioning.

Phase 1B is planned to include essential workers, including emergency medical technicians, as well as frontline workers at very high risk of infection, such as food workers. This phase may also include older adults living in congregate settings or crowded conditions and will start after Phase 1A is complete

At present projected vaccine supplies are **INADEQUATE** to completely immunize Health-care workers and Nursing Home residents.



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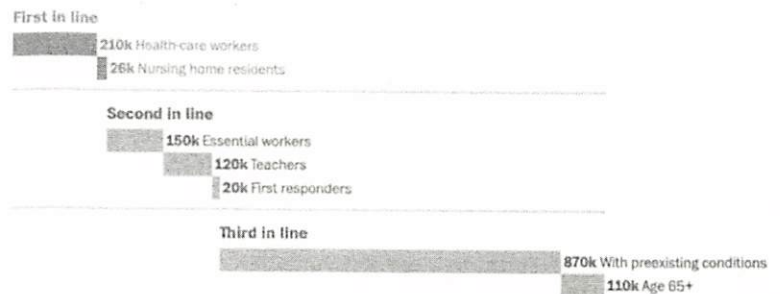
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The State of Connecticut currently controls the distribution of vaccine. Their website Bout COVID-19 Vaccination phases states **“Those who will be eligible for vaccination in upcoming phases between January and May has not been finalized”** and **“No decisions have yet been made about the prioritization of individuals beyond Phase 1a”**

Healthy adults under the age of 65 and children may well have to wait until late spring or even the summer, depending on how many vaccines get approved, how quickly they can be manufactured and distributed, and how the debate goes over allocation.



Note: prioritization shown is based on the CDC advisory committee's guidance

Please try to minimize your inquiries to the office. If you do call please understand that we will be giving priority to sick patients so our response may be delayed. I will be sending out additional newsletters as we get more information. You can also reference the State of Connecticut website directly at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases>

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