



ADVICE ON UTILIZING ALL DOSES IN VIAL and UPDATE FOR WEEKS 3 and 4

New York State Vaccination Program Guidance for Facilities Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1A Only

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Once a vaccine vial is punctured, all doses must be used within 6 hours or be discarded. Therefore, vaccinators must plan carefully to have enough individuals to vaccinate so that each vial is fully used. Please plan to have enough front-line staff who perform direct patient care lined up before opening a vial. It is essential to eliminate or minimize waste of vaccine.

There may be vaccine doses left at the end of clinic despite careful planning, due to no shows, persons changing their mind or uncovering contraindications. You should reach out to others who are on the priority worker list, even if they weren't scheduled to get vaccinated at that time. If vaccination of staff who work in direct patient care is complete or priority staff are not available, you can move on to those staff who have direct contact with the public in other contexts.

PRIORITIZATION FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEK OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

Week 3

For the week of December 28, 2020, Urgent Care Centers (UCC), hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) will receive vaccine. The following populations are prioritized for vaccination:

- High-risk hospital and FQHC staff, including OMH psychiatric centers
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel
- Medical Examiners and Coroners
- Funeral workers who have direct contact with infectious material and bodily fluids
- Agency staff and residents in congregate living situations run by the OPWDD, OMH and OASAS
- Urgent Care providers
- Staff administering the COVID-19 vaccine
- **Facilities that have vaccinated all frontline direct care and patient-facing health care workers and still have vaccine available should proceed to vaccinating the next groups of health care and patient-facing workers, whose job responsibilities require in-person presence, including those health care workers that will be expected to participate in the hospital or health system's surge response for their facility, continuing to prioritize by risk.**

Week 4

Beginning the week of January 4, 2021 and subject to additional allocations by the federal government, Urgent Care Centers (UCC), dialysis centers, ambulatory care sites, regional hubs and/or local health departments, hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) will receive vaccine. The following additional populations are prioritized for vaccination:

- All Outpatient/Ambulatory frontline, high-risk health care providers who provide direct in-person patient care or other staff in a position where they have direct contact with patients, such as receptionists, of any age
- All frontline, high-risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients
- Health care workers at testing sites