

Phase 1a eligibility: State of Connecticut

The following information is for use by providers, employers and individuals to assist in determining eligibility for vaccination during Phase 1a. This is intended to guide decision making and is not inclusive of all possible categories of individuals that may fall within the 1a criteria.

Two groups are eligible to receive vaccine in Phase 1a:

- 1) **Healthcare personnel (HCP):** All paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials
- 2) **Residents of long-term care facilities:** Adults who reside in facilities that provide a range of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.

Detail about Healthcare Personnel eligibility

A key component of eligibility is exposure or the potential for exposure to COVID in the course of one's healthcare duties. Phase 1a is *not* for all individuals who work for a healthcare provider: individuals who are teleworking (including both clinicians and other staff) are not eligible to receive vaccine in Phase 1a. (Individuals who are doing house calls or in-home health work *are* eligible).

The table below provides additional clarification and information about key groups

Group	Phase 1a eligible
Doctors, nurses, and allied healthcare providers seeing patients	Yes
Licensed pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working on site in pharmacy or healthcare settings	Yes
Custodial, dietary, administrative & support staff working in patient care settings	Yes
First responders (e.g., EMS, police, fire)	Some – if actively responding to medical 911 calls or involved in care for COVID or suspected COVID cases
School nurses	Yes
Home health providers (e.g., PCAs, homemaker companions)	Yes
Dentists, dental hygienists, and other oral health staff	Yes
Laboratory staff	Yes
Students in clinical rotations	Yes
Death care workers entering healthcare settings, homes, or with exposure to decedents	Yes
Clinicians practicing exclusively telehealth	No
Employees of healthcare organizations working away from patient care settings or from home	No