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Like all other universities across the country, USC is working with our regional public health department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) to ensure the distribution and administration of vaccines via a phased approach. The first phase, 1A, includes health care workers with direct patient contact and others in the health care environment. LA County recently announced moving to **the first group of Phase 1B—individuals ages 65 and older**. See [LADPH phases and tiers](#) below for additional information.

USC is dependent on LA County in the quantity and timing of vaccines we receive. All faculty, students, and university staff are encouraged to keep in regular contact with their healthcare provider, health system, and/or pharmacy to receive updates on vaccine availability, as vaccine distribution varies in different counties and states. This information may be vital in getting vaccination appointments for family members and loved ones who are ages 65 and older, who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at [locations throughout LA County](#).

Vaccine Prioritization

As Los Angeles County authorizes progress into next tiers and phases, USC will continue distribution, guided by criteria for the phases as assessed by [USC Environmental Health and Safety](#), [Public Health Policy Advisory Working Group](#), and the [COVID-19 Vaccine Working Group](#). Employees will be invited to receive COVID-19 vaccination based on age/health status eligibility, occupational risk assessment, and need to perform in-person work. The majority of USC students will be eligible to receive vaccinations in either Phase 1C or Phase 2.

Prioritization is determined by the most recent state and county guidance and is subject to change.

Group 1B includes the broad category of education workers. Within this group, USC is prioritizing faculty and staff **currently required** to work on-site frequently and facing occupational risk. Those working on campus who are public-facing and working in close contact with others will be invited in first among the 1B category.

As campus operations resume, it is anticipated that the 1B education worker category will expand to include additional faculty and staff who would then be able to work on site. This larger group would include faculty providing in-person instruction, academic advisors, and many others. Schools and departments should identify these individuals, but they should NOT be included in projections and lists concerning this **current** wave of 1B vaccinations.

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Current vaccination group	Proposed next vaccination group	Future vaccination group
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USC Vaccination Strategy				
Phase	Risk Stratification	Examples	In Person	Remote
1 A	Healthcare (open)		12,000	
1B	Over age 65 (open)		451	1152
1B- Education Workers	Group 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent, close interactions with other employees and students High density work environment Frequent interaction with public Handling SARS Co V 2 samples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPS/EH&S/FSEP/CSC Care Crew or unit building screeners Residential Education and Housing Hospitality and Hotel Transportation Animal Resources and select Faculty/ Staff Researchers Mail Services Student Affairs Staff Providing In Person Services 	1500	
	Group 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional, close interactions with other employees and students Interaction with public Moderate density of work environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USC Card/Student Financial Services ITS FMS Athletics Custodial Staff Human Subjects Involved Faculty/ Staff Researchers Faculty/ Staff Providing In-Person Instruction 	2200	
	Group 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rare, close interactions with other employees Little interaction with public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most Faculty/ Staff Research Payroll 	2100	
1C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty/Staff & Students 50-64 years old 16-49 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19 		Future Vaccination	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons 16-49 years old without high-risk medical conditions 		Future Vaccination	

Prioritization for HR partners, administrative leadership.

1. Step 1-Identify all faculty, staff, and students **working or studying on site** as part of current approved restart plans
2. Step 2-Categorize on site group based on occupational risk
3. Step 3 Categorize onsite group based on frequency of in person activity. In person frequency can be based on average number of Trojan Checks in past 90 days or other data available to the unit. For new employees, base categorization on anticipated activity.

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On-site activity	3-5 days/week	1-3 days/week	Low< 1/week
Group 1	Priority 1	Priority 1	Priority 2
Group 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 3
Group 3	Priority 3	Priority 3	Priority 4