

Plan *from A1*

included in the initial phase of vaccine distribution. With a focus on health equity, the plan adds more granularity to federal recommendations and outlines specific populations within the broad groups — and in a wide range of health settings — that should be the focus for vaccination “when considering the allocation of scarce critical resources in the face of a public health crisis such as COVID-19.”

The plan also creates a framework for distributing and sequencing COVID-19 vaccines throughout Oregon based on equity, individual, environmental and activity factors that put people more at risk for contracting or spreading the virus or experiencing serious health consequences from the virus.

“This plan helps us make sure we follow our own principles of health equity as we strive toward meeting our priorities for distributing the vaccine during this critical first phase,” said Dana Hargu-

nani, M.D., M.P.H., OHA chief medical officer.

Those priorities include ensuring that vaccine is accessible for those who are included in Phase 1a and want to be vaccinated, and that information about COVID-19 vaccines is broadly available in a linguistically accessible and culturally responsive manner.

With the arrival of the first shipment of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend on Monday, PeaceHealth scheduled a day-long vaccination clinic for frontline caregivers and providers, with more to follow in rural locations, such as Cottage Grove and Florence, as early as today.

“This is a historic day for our caregivers and communities,” said Dr. James McGovern, vice president of medical affairs and COVID-19 incident commander for the PeaceHealth Oregon network. “We will all rest easier once our frontline caregivers are protected against COVID-19, keeping them healthy and safe

and helping to ensure we can continue to care for those who need us.”

The first shipment to RiverBend contained approximately 975 doses, with PeaceHealth expecting to immunize at least 200 caregivers on Monday, with additional clinics through the week.

Because the vaccine supply is limited, PeaceHealth is prioritizing the first doses of vaccines for healthcare workers providing hands-on care to confirmed COVID-19 positive patients, as well as other higher risk groups of caregivers working directly with or near patients who may be COVID-19-positive.

PeaceHealth Oregon expects a second shipment by the end of the week. As additional Pfizer and Moderna vaccine arrives over the next few weeks, PeaceHealth will be able to offer inoculation to every PeaceHealth caregiver at all four Lane County hospitals, as well as PeaceHealth Medical Group urgent care, primary care and specialty clinics.

Meanwhile, as stat-

ed the Oregon Phase 1a COVID-19 Vaccine Plan, setting priorities is critical “...to be responsive to the diversity of people living in Oregon, and to mitigate historical and contemporary injustice and stigma of communities of color, tribal communities, people with disabilities, and longstanding mistrust of the system and distrust of vaccines.”

The plan breaks up Phase 1a into four groups. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Group 1: Hospitals; urgent care; skilled nursing and memory care facility health care providers and residents; tribal health programs; emergency medical services providers and other first responders.

- Group 2: Other long-term care facilities and congregate care sites, including health care providers and residents; hospice programs; mobile crisis care and related services; individuals working in a correctional setting; personnel of group homes for children or adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Group 3: Outpatient settings serving specific high-risk groups; in home care; day treatment services; non-emergency medical transportation.

- Group 4: Health care personnel working in other outpatient and public

health settings.

The types of individuals or settings within each group are not listed in any particular order and don't indicate a planned “in-group” sequence but are intended to be concurrent as logistics and vaccine dose availability allow. In addition, the plan calls for applying the broadest definition of “health care personnel” as outlined by ACIP and the CDC, which includes contractual staff not employed by a facility.

In all, OHA expects that between 300,000 and 400,000 individuals will have access to COVID-19 vaccination during Phase 1a. Work is in progress to further estimate the numbers of people within each of the Phase 1a groups.

OHA also continues to work with state agency and community partners to communicate broadly about Phase 1a plans, and to develop detailed distribution plans for all potential Phase 1a recipients.

OHA's equity-focused Vaccine Advisory Committee will be informing the next phases of vaccine distribution beyond Phase 1a to include critical workers, people with underlying health conditions and those older than 65.

The general population isn't expected to be eligible for vaccination until sometime in spring 2021.



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