

Appendix A

King County Priority Groups for Vaccination during a Pandemic

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Vaccinations will be administered in sequential order. Tier 1 will receive vaccinations first until the entire Tier has been completed, followed by Tier 2, 3, and 4. Within each Tier, individuals in Subtier A will be vaccinated first until completed, then Subtiers B, C, and D.

Tier 1	Subtier A	Subtier B	Subtier C	Subtier D
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Health care workers (HCWs) providing direct patient care → Essential healthcare support personnel → Vaccinators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → High-risk patients 65 years old or older with one high risk condition → Patients 6 months to 64 years old with two high risk conditions → People 6 months or older hospitalized in the past year for influenza, pneumonia, or a high-risk condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Pregnant women → Household contacts of people who are severely immune-compromised → Household contacts of children less than 6 months old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Public Health emergency responders critical to pandemic response → Key government leaders
Total number	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Tier 2	Subtier A	Subtier B
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → All health people 65 years old and older → People 6 months to 64 years old with one high risk condition → Health children 6 to 23 months old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Other public health emergency responders → Public safety workers including police, fire, 911 dispatchers and correctional facility staff → Utility workers essential for maintenance of power, water, and sewage system → Transportation workers transporting fuel, water, food, and medical supplies as well as public ground transportation → Telecommunications workers for essential network operations and maintenance
Total number	TBD	TBD

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Tier 3	Subtier A
Description	→ Key government health decision-makers → Funeral home directors and embalmers
Total number	TBD

Tier 4	Subtier A
Description	→ Healthy people 2 to 64 years old not included in the categories above
Total number	TBD

*Based on guidelines included in the
Department of Health and Human Services Pandemic Influenza Plan, 2005*

Vulnerable Populations Action Team (VPAT)

Included. Connected. Prepared.

Definition

Vulnerable Populations are people who need extra support to be prepared, as well as those needing community support to successfully respond and recover when disasters or emergencies strike.

These are individuals who are:

- Unable or unwilling to fully utilize preparedness, response and recovery services
- Unable or unwilling to follow emergency instructions

Distinctions

- Interagency Preparedness (area-wide; infrastructure)
- Community-based Preparedness
- Personal Preparedness

In an Influenza Pandemic . . .

Vision

We see a community that is humane, inclusive and prepared.

Mission

We will assure access to public health preparedness, response and recovery services for the most vulnerable and hardest-to-reach residents in King County.

Goal 1

Ensure that pandemic planning (preparedness, response, recovery) incorporates Vulnerable Populations.

Goal 2

Community-based organizations will be prepared to continue delivery of their essential services throughout an influenza pandemic.

Goal 3

Community-based organizations will educate and assist the Vulnerable Populations they serve to be personally prepared for and able to access support services in an influenza pandemic.

Goal 4

Key community-based organizations will have the skills/capacity to train their staffs and partner organizations to provide basic response and recovery services.

Goal 5

Public health information will reach residents in all Vulnerable Population segments prior to and throughout a pandemic.