



## DEEPER DIVE

# Group 4 – Adults at Higher Risk for Exposure and Increased Risk of Severe Illness (Essential Workers Not Yet Vaccinated and Other Group Living Settings)

### COVID-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19

A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as possible given the limited supply of vaccines.

Keep practicing the 3 Ws— wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

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#### ESSENTIAL WORKERS NOT YET VACCINATED

Essential workers include:

- Those working in the essential sectors identified in Group 3 who did not meet the criteria for frontline. Essential sectors identified in Group 3 include critical manufacturing, education, essential goods, food and agriculture, government and community services, health care and public health, public safety and transportation. See [Deeper Dive Group 3](#).
- Those working in additional essential sectors as defined below.
  - **Chemical** (including workers in petrochemical plants, agricultural chemicals, pharmaceutical facilities, consumer products)
  - **Commercial facilities** (including retail workers, hotel workers)
  - **Communications and information technology** (including news reporters and staff, service repair dispatchers, data center operators)
  - **Defense industrial base** (including workers supporting essential services to meet national security commitments)
  - **Energy** (including electric, petroleum, natural and propane gas workers)
  - **Financial services** (including workers who maintain systems for processing financial transactions, workers needed to provide consumer access to banking and lending services)
  - **Hazardous materials** (including nuclear facilities workers, workers managing medical waste)
  - **Hygiene products and services** (including laundromats, sanitation workers)
  - **Public works and infrastructure support services** (including plumbers, electricians, exterminators, workers supporting parks)



- **Residential facilities, housing and real estate**
- **Water and wastewater** (including staff at water authorities, wastewater treatment facilities, water sampling and monitoring)

The [essential sectors and workers](#), as categorized by Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), align with federal prioritization [guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions' Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

### **OTHER PEOPLE LIVING IN GROUP LIVING SETTINGS**

This population includes students living in dormitories or other group living settings (e.g., fraternity or sorority houses), who are not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function.