

FAQs from Open Forum on 12/14

- What guidance should we give our faculty/staff who are pregnant?
 - For people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have a history of severe allergic reactions, we strongly encourage you to discuss your situation with your healthcare provider before scheduling your vaccination appointment.
- How do we add someone to 1A?
 - We will open up the lists soon for additions. The process will be the same as last time.
- Can we ask if they are or are not going to get the vaccine?
 - No.
- Some of our providers have said that the e-mail used is incorrect, what can we do about this?
 - HR is working with UNC Health IT and the state to update these e-mails that we have identified as being incorrect.
- What should we do about 1A people not supposed to be 1A?
 - Per guidance sent out in Vital Signs/News for Employees, if employees who work in low risk areas were identified in 1A please encourage them to delay making an appointment so that those in high risk areas may get an appointment first.
- How will this all be rolled out during the Holidays?
 - We will try to be mindful of timing of data gathering and the holidays.
- Is scheduling available yet?
 - Scheduling will become available when the vaccine shipment arrives. Broad messaging to all employees will come out with instructions on how to make an appointment.

COVID Vaccine Prioritization FAQs Sent on Dec 9th

- All of my attendings are available to be called for a consult in the ED. Should I answer yes to question 1 based on location?
 - Our guidance is to determine how regular do they go to the locations listed on the PDF. If they are called to the ED as often as every month or more, include them. If they do not, answer no.
- Will all those who qualify as a 1A priority get a vaccine when they come available?
 - No, there is a call happening Wednesday afternoon to determine how to phase in high priority faculty and staff. For example, all ED Physicians are 1A. However, if there end up being negative side effects to the vaccine, we would not want to be running an ED without all ED doctors. We plan to come up with a plan to roll out in phases.
- Does DPS qualify as a high-risk location?
 - Unfortunately, no. If the doctors are treating COVID+ patients or performing aerosolizing procedures at the prison, then yes.
- Do I have to fill the spreadsheet out for my faculty that work at another entity?

- Yes, if they are on your spreadsheet you are responsible for them.
- Do I have to answer “Yes” to both questions for my faculty/staff to be prioritized as 1A?
 - No, it’s one or the other. However, we recommend you answer both questions for everyone.
- A PHD researcher is missing from my data, why is that?
 - Employees included in the initial list meet one of the below categories:
 - Active Clinician with UNCFP Benefits
 - Active UNCFP Provider (APP, PA, NP) that is credentialed through UNC Health
 - Active in UNC Immunization Review Program (EHS)
 - UNC Health employees the roll up to UNCFP cost centers
- How should we categorize research faculty and staff working on COVID-19 research; are they part of the Phase 1a distribution group?
 - Dr. Weber has recommended to CDC ACIP group that will make vaccine recommendations to include researchers working with viable SARS-CoV-2 virus be placed in Phase 1. This decision will need to come out of AICP but as soon as we hear we will inform everyone.
- Are individuals required to be in the Immunization Review Program to be considered eligible for Phase 1a or Phase 1b?
 - No, since this is not a required vaccine they would not need to be in immunization review. That being said the majority of folks in Phase 1a would be since healthcare workers.
- Are there any options for Faculty & Staff in Basic Sciences and Centers to be considered Health Care Workers in Phase 1a or 1b if they are listed as CDME On-Campus?
 - Not sure what this question gets out but our employees and students who work in healthcare but not UNCMC will be included in Phase 1a and 1b if they meet the definition. They must meet definition of healthcare worker for 1a.