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**Priority Groups for Phase 1**

1. **Frontline Healthcare Workers** (working in an emergency department, ICU, COVID unit, or general acute care)
2. **Long-Term Care Facility Healthcare Workers**
3. **Long-Term Care Residents** (nursing home and assisted living)
4. **Other healthcare workers, including laboratory and clinic staff**
   - Public Health Workers
   - Emergency Medical Services
   - Law Enforcement
   - Correctional Officers
5. **Persons with 2 or More Underlying Medical Conditions** (cancer; chronic kidney disease; COPD; Heart Conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; Immunocompromised State (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant; Obesity or Severe Obesity; Sickle Cell Disease; Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus)
   - Teachers and Other School/College Staff
   - Persons Aged 65 Years and Older
   - Residents in Congregate Settings, Residents in Licensed Independent Living Facilities, and Residents of Licensed Group Homes
   - Funeral Service Workers
7. **Fire Service Personnel**
8. **Other Critical Infrastructure Workers**, including water and wastewater, energy, finance, food service, food and agriculture, legal, manufacturing, shelter and housing, transportation and logistics, information technology and communications

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