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Overview of Current Priority Groups that Are Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination

Phase 1B currently includes the following groups:

All persons aged 65 years of age and older

All persons who work in the Education Sector, defined as

- Child Daycare workers
- K-12 teachers and staff, including School bus drivers, referees/Sports Officials (AAA sanctioned), and music education instructors providing instruction that takes place within K-12 schools.
- Junior College faculty and staff
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional School faculty and staff
- Business Schools and Computer and Management Training workers
- Technical and Trade School workers
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services workers
- Adult Education workers, including Adult Learning Alliance of Arkansas, Goodwill Industries
- Educational Support Services workers, comprised of establishments primarily engaged in providing non-instructional services that support education processes or systems. Includes educational consultants, testing services, guidance counseling services, student exchange program and educational testing evaluation services.
- Automobile and Truck Driving School workers

All persons who work in the Grain and Oilseed Milling and the Meat Processing industries.

Please see the definition of these industries on the following page.

All persons included in Phase 1A remain eligible.

Groups eligible in Phase 1A include health care workers, first responders, and residents of long-term care facilities.

Definition of Phase 1B Food Manufacturing

Industries in the Food Manufacturing subsector transform livestock and agricultural products into products for intermediate or final consumption. The industry group are distinguished by raw materials (generally of animal or vegetable origin) processed into food products. The food products manufactured in these establishments are typically sold to wholesalers or retailers for distribution to consumers, but establishments primarily engaged in retailing baker and candy products made on the premises not for immediate consumption are included.

At this time, the workers in the following food manufacturing industries only are being vaccinated:

Grain and Oilseed Milling

This industry group comprises establishments primarily engaged in milling flour or meal from grains or vegetables, manufacturing malt, wet milling corn and other vegetables, crushing oilseeds and tree nuts, refining and/or blending vegetable oils, and manufacturing breakfast cereals. It includes Flour Milling and Malt Manufacturing (Flour Milling, Rice Milling, and Malt Manufacturing); Starch and Vegetable Fats and Oils Manufacturing (Wet Corn Milling, Soybean and Other Oilseed Processing, and Fats and Oils Refining and Blending); and Cereal Manufacturing.

Animal Slaughtering and Processing

This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in one or more of the following: (1) slaughtering animals; (2) preparing processed meats and meat byproducts; and (3) rendering and/or refining animal fat, bones, and meat scraps. This industry includes establishments primarily engaged in assembly cutting and packing of meats (i.e., boxed meats) from purchased carcasses. Establishments include those involved in Animal Slaughtering, Meat Processed from Carcasses, Rendering and Meat Byproduct Processing, and Poultry Processing.