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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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Purpose of today.



- **Today's Goal:** Update Minnesotans on what we know about the COVID-19 vaccine and our plan to partner with the federal government and local communities to get it to Minnesotans.

Key roles.



Federal government:

- Regulate vaccine development and approve those that are safe and effective.
- Work with vaccine manufacturers like Pfizer and Moderna to procure vaccines and determine how many we receive and when.

State of Minnesota:

- Work with hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, tribal health, and local public health to get the vaccine out to Minnesotans.

Guiding principles.



Immunize for impact

- Maximize immediate health benefits and reduce death and serious illness.
- Start with those most susceptible to serious complications and those who care for them.
- Be sure those disproportionately impacted have access they need to the vaccine.

Equitable distribution and access

- No procedural or structural issues impact access.
- Gain trust of all Minnesotans – we know we don't start there with everyone.
- Committed to doing the work necessary to earn trust where it needs to be earned.

Transparency

- Accurate and reliable information shared as quickly as possible.

Framework for distribution.



- **Principles** have guided our framework for equitable and effective distribution.
- **Broad, statewide coalition** has done extensive planning.
- **We know how to do this** – 13 weeks, 2.1 million doses of influenza vaccine have been administered.
- **We are ready** – now we need COVID-19 vaccine supply so we can deliver for Minnesotans.

How it works.



- Federal government tells states how much vaccine they get and when they get it.
- Federal committee of experts prioritizes who gets the vaccine in each phase.
- State committee of experts provides recommendations for how to implement the federal priorities in Minnesota.
- Vaccine is shipped to Minnesota and is administered.

What do we know now?



- We'll receive doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines soon for Phase 1A.
- The federal committee has told us to start with health care workers and long-term care residents.
- Limited initial supply and slow ramp up as manufacturers develop more.
- Unclear and shifting schedule for delivery.

Regional system for distribution.



- Vaccine will be shipped directly to key hospitals, or “hubs,” across the state.
- From there, vaccine will be distributed further to smaller clinics, or “spokes.”
- And providers administer it – starting by protecting life and health of those most susceptible to serious complications and those who care for them.

End-to-end test.



- Recent end-to-end dry-run test of the distribution chain for a Pfizer order.
- Vaccine container arrived as scheduled.
- Temperature monitoring indicated successful temperature maintenance throughout the shipping period.
- A successful test of the system!

Where do we start?



- Currently expected initial delivery schedule.
- Based on most recent forecast from federal government.
- Slow ramp up.
- Numbers have shifted over time, likely will continue.

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Total for month	136,600	46,800	183,400 Unconfirmed

What comes next?



- Minnesotans can be confident in our plan.
- More vaccine will come – production and distribution ramp up over time.
- As supply increases, availability will expand to more people.
- Continue efforts to control spread – those who are vaccinated may still transmit to those who are not.
- Eventually, in 2021, we hope all Minnesotans will be vaccinated.

Vaccine is coming soon

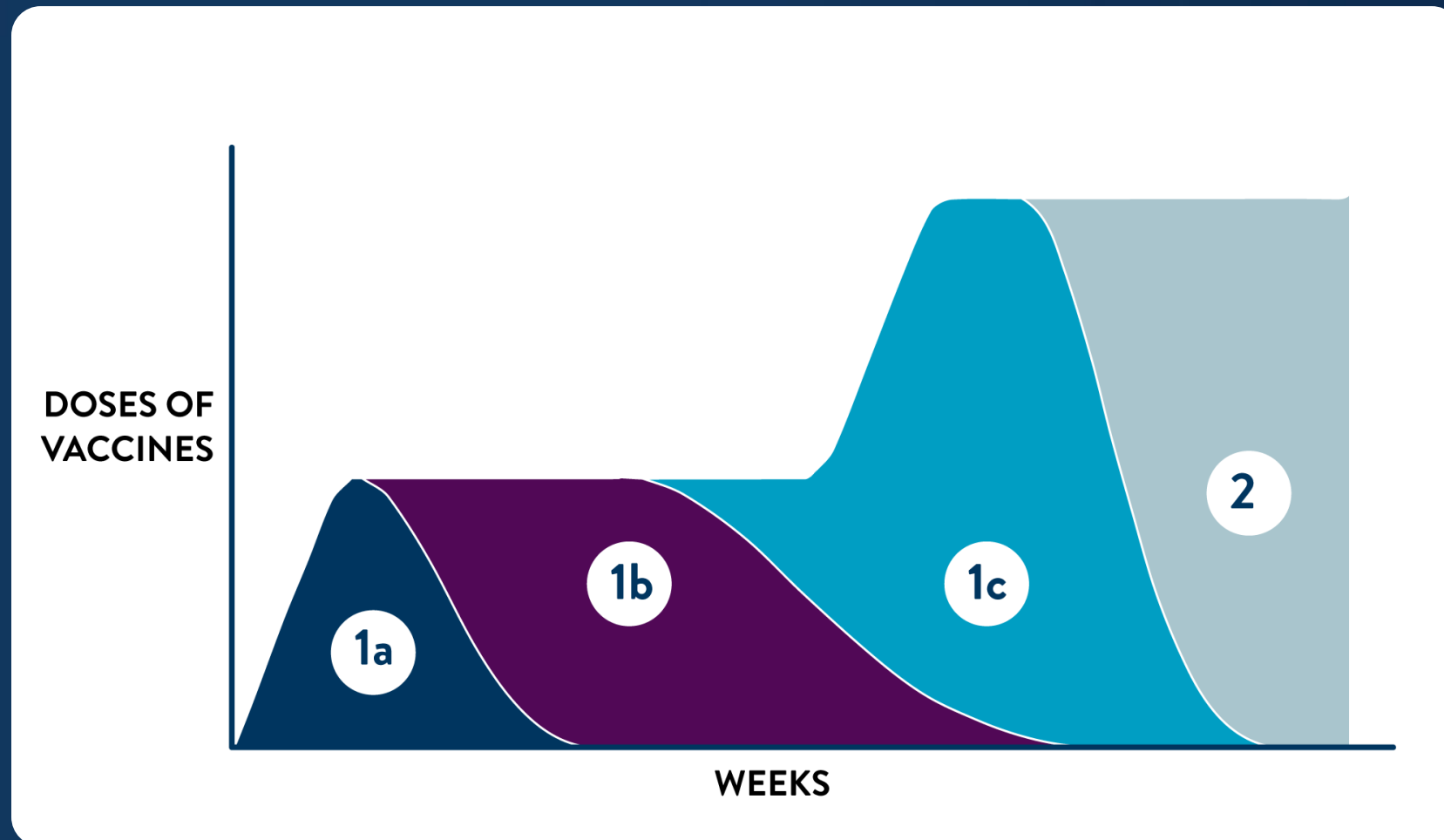
- No vaccine has been approved yet
- Pfizer submitted to FDA Nov. 20
- Moderna submitted to FDA Nov. 30



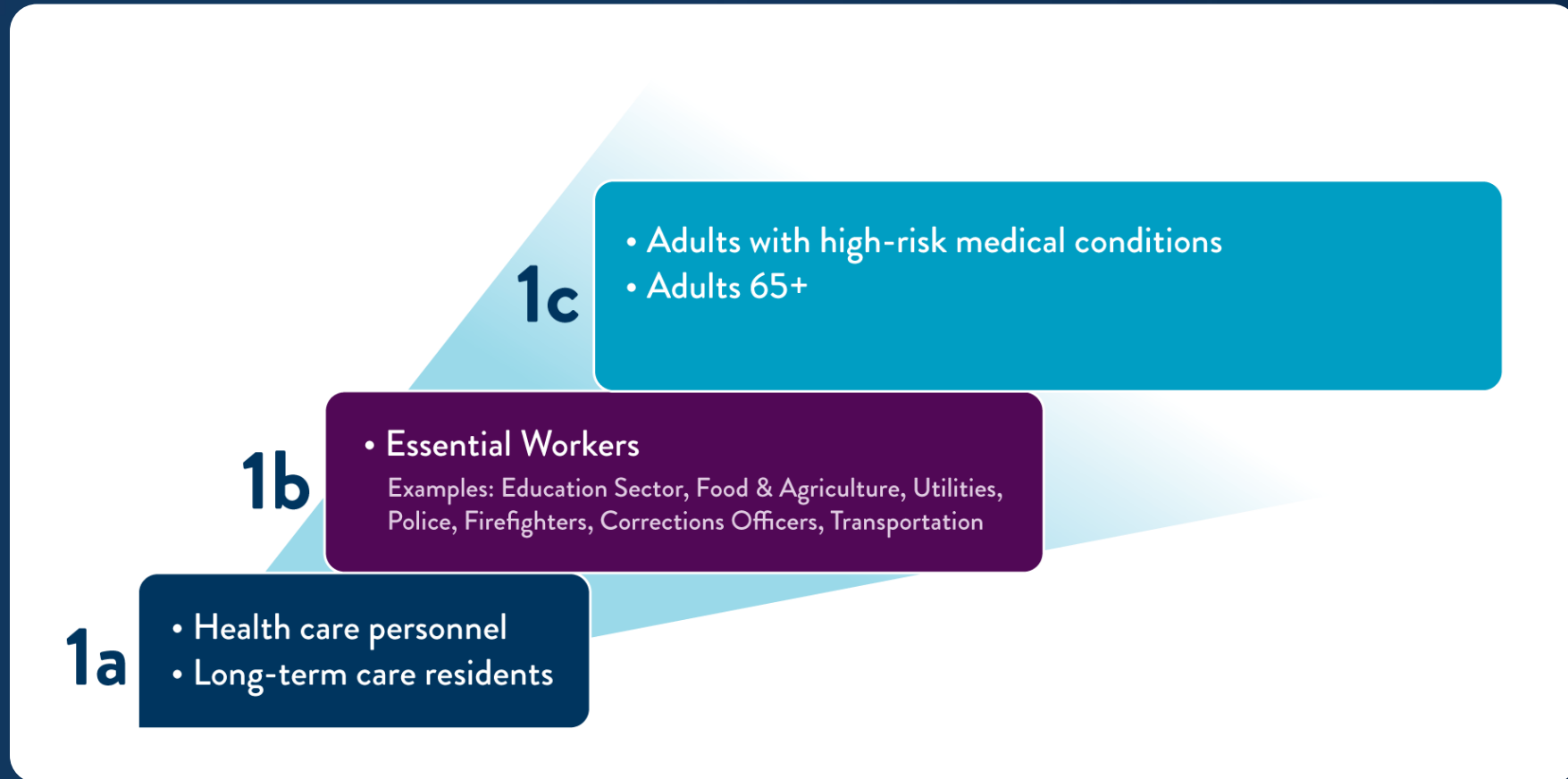
What we know about these vaccines

- Both Pfizer and Moderna indicated efficacy of 95%.
- Both must meet strict and existing safety standards.
- Takes two doses.
- Adults recommended now.
- Vaccine will not be required or mandated.

Phased approach to vaccination



Who is in Phase 1a



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Minnesota Phase 1a sub-prioritization

Sub-prioritization guided by these risk criteria:

- Risk of infection
- Risk of severe morbidity and mortality
- Risk of transmitting to others (at work and at home)
- Risk of negative societal impact

Minnesota Phase 1a first priority group

Health care personnel (HCP)

Hospitals: All personnel working in dedicated COVID-19 units, ICU, emergency departments, designated COVID-19 urgent care clinics.

LTCF (skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes): All personnel working in these facilities.

Emergency Medical Services Personnel

COVID testers: Personnel providing testing at large community testing centers.

COVID community vaccinators: Public health vaccinators and those administering COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a.

Long-term care (LTC) residents

Residents living in skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes (including veterans homes).

Minnesota Phase 1a second priority group

Health care personnel (HCP)

Hospitals: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials and not included in the first priority group.

LTCF (assisted living facilities/housing with services with an arranged Home Care Provider): All personnel working in these facilities.

Urgent care settings: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials and not included in first priority group.

Dialysis centers: All personnel providing direct patient services or handling infectious materials.

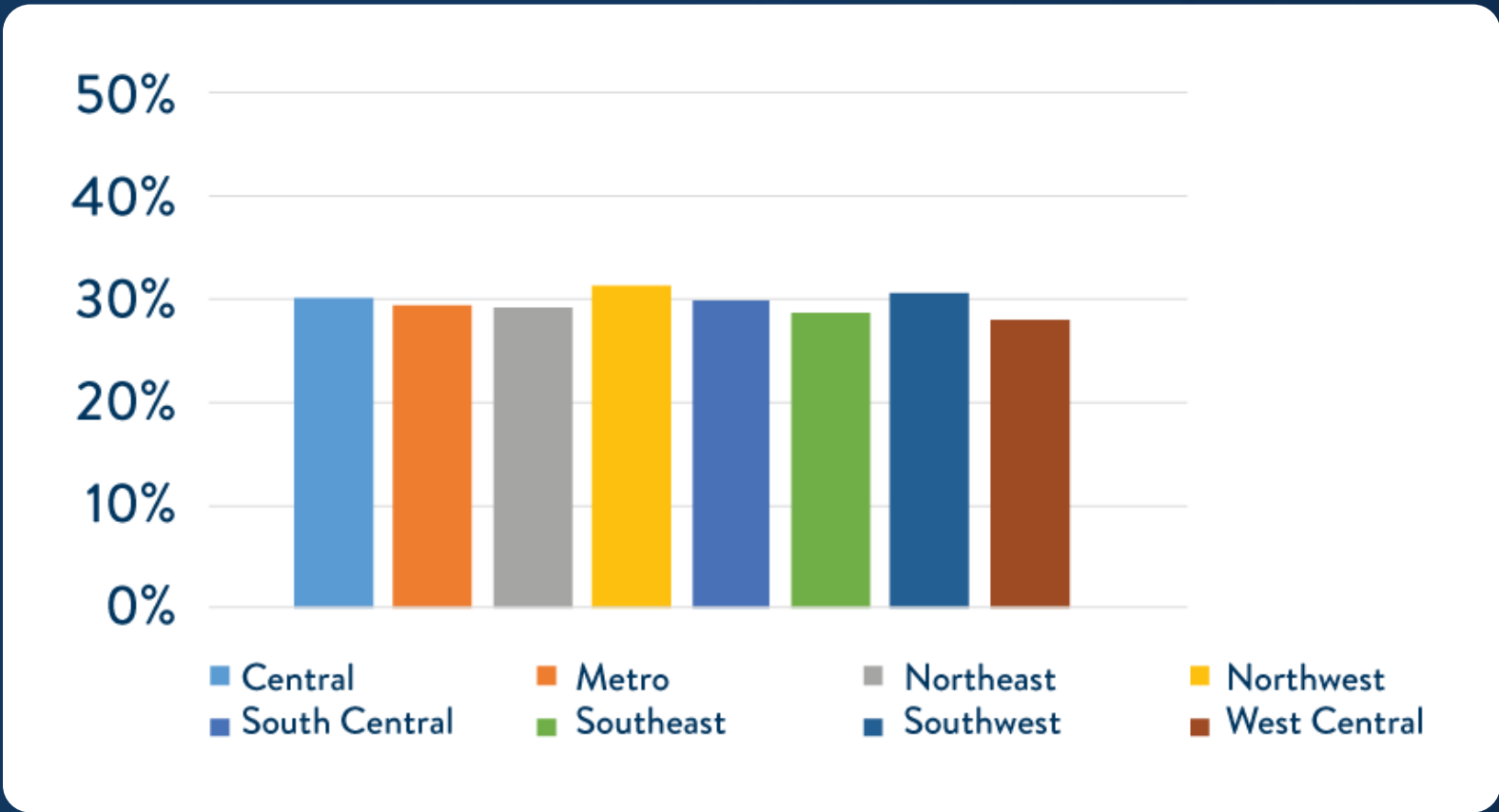
Long-term care (LTC) residents

Residents living in Housing with services with an arranged Home Care Provider, otherwise known as Assisted Living (including veterans homes).

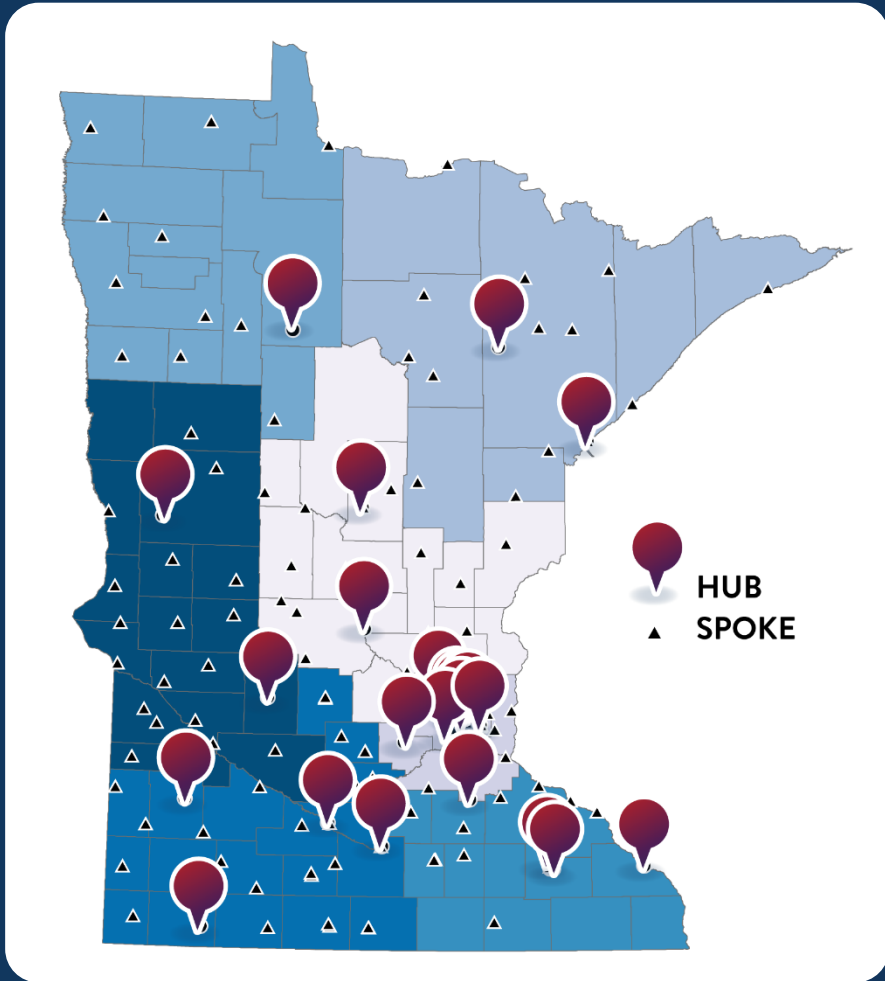
Minnesota Phase 1a third priority group

Health care personnel (HCP)	Long-term care (LTC) residents
<p>All remaining HCP not included in the first and second priority groups that are unable to telework.</p>	<p>Adult residents living in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and other adult residents living in residential care facilities licensed in MN</p>

Percentage of HCP and LTCF Residents Vaccinated with First Dose (100,000 initial doses available)



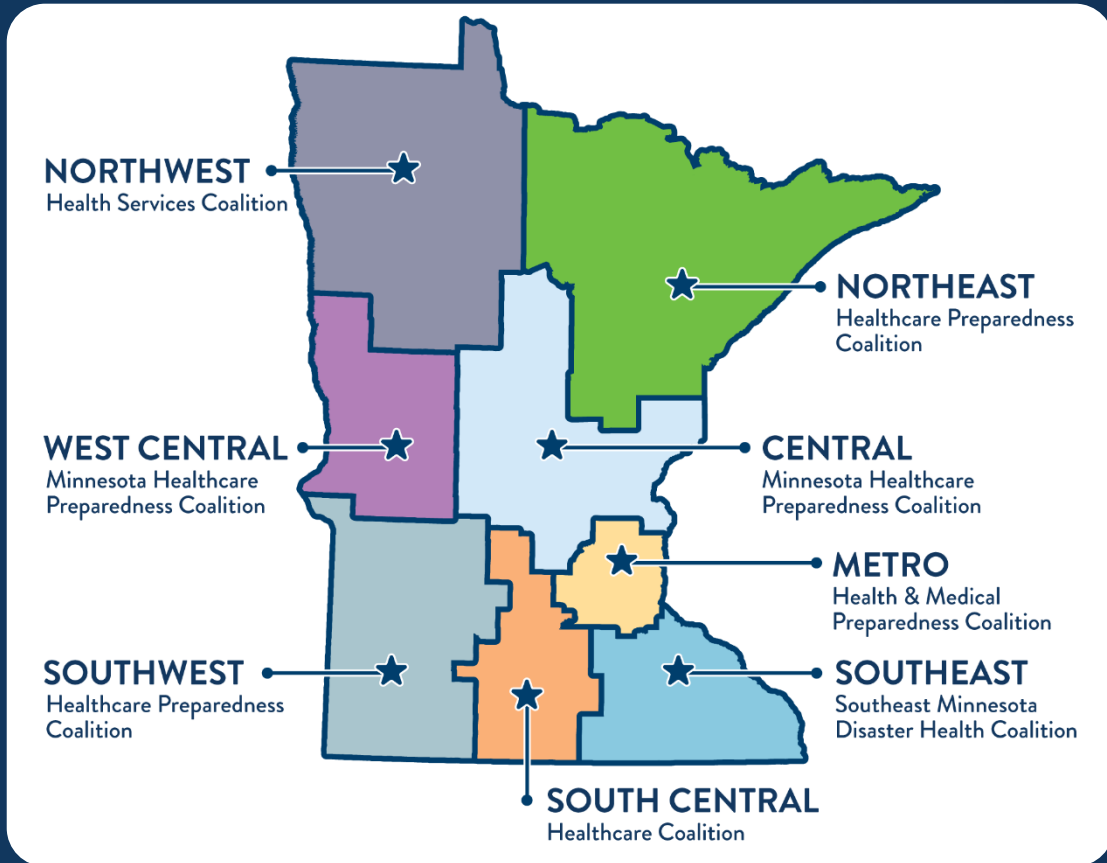
How vaccine will be distributed



Locations of Hub
and Spoke
Facilities for
COVID-19
Vaccine
Distribution

- 25 Hubs
- 118 Spokes

Regional Health Care Coalitions



Regional Health Care Coalitions have been around since 2002 as key partners for health systems and public health response.

Role of local and Tribal partners

- The coalitions, Local Public Health, and Tribal Health Departments have been planning for months.
- Regional coalitions focused on phase 1a to help receive, store and redistribute ultra-cold vaccine in their jurisdictions.
- Local public health doing additional planning and submitted plans to MDH on Dec. 4.

End-to-end test of Pfizer vaccine order

- Dakota County Public Health Department was our test site.
- Shipment left Pfizer on Wednesday, Dec. 2.
- Vaccine container arrived at Dakota County on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 8:15 a.m. The ancillary supplies kit arrived about 30 minutes later.
- No vaccine, but included data logger, to monitor temperatures.



Is there enough dry ice for Pfizer Vaccine?

- CDC is supplying the recharge that is needed within the first 24 hours.
- Establishing contract for a safety net for dry ice shipments that might be needed for day 5 and day 10 recharges among our providers.
- Many of our hub sites have ULC freezers and for those that don't, plans are in place to utilize the vaccine appropriately

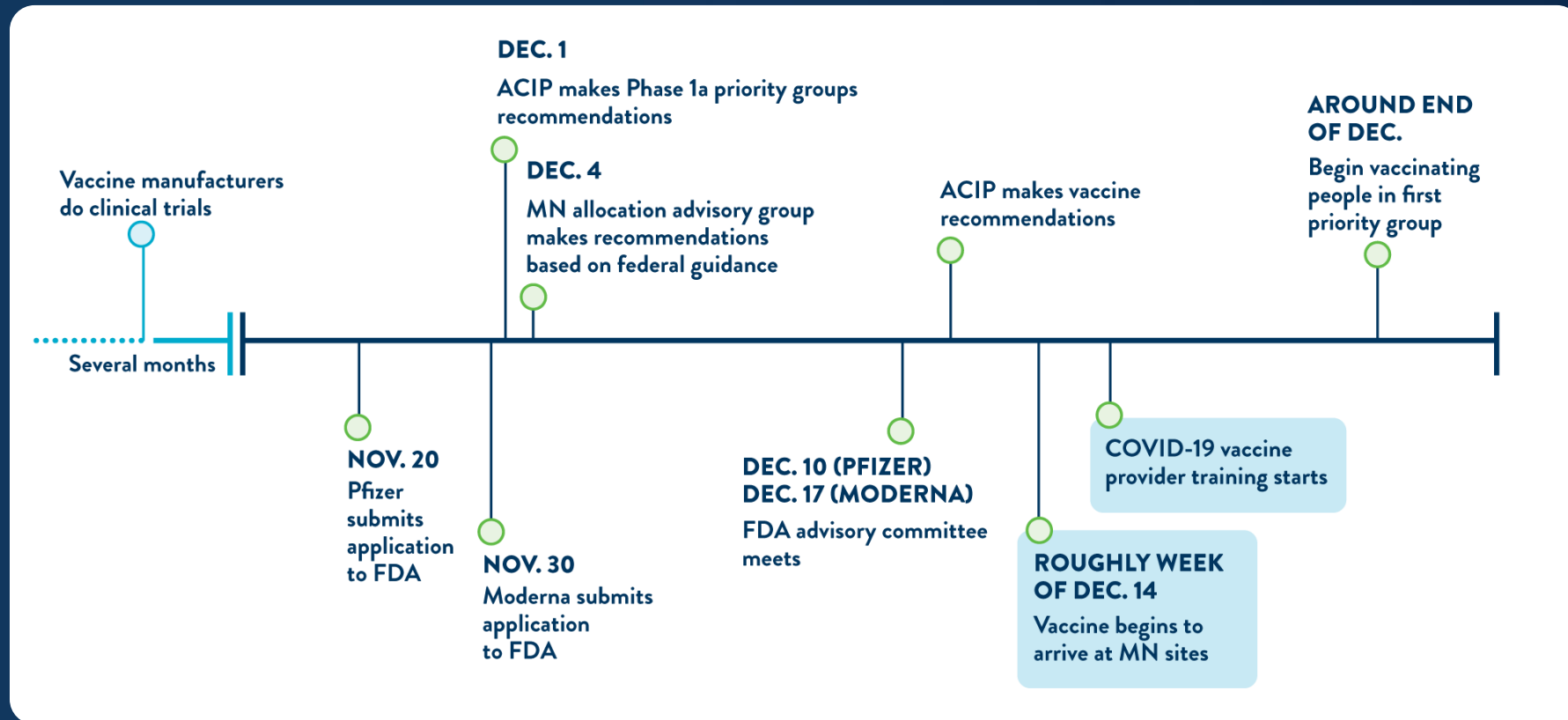


How we will track our progress

We will be sharing key vaccine data points on our website:

- Providers enrolled
- Vaccine distribution
- Doses administered

Timeline: Next steps





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Thank you!

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