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Department of Health Announces Roll-Out of COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1B

St. Croix, US Virgin Islands—The Virgin Islands Department of Health has advanced its phase-based COVID-19 vaccination plan from 1A to 1B. Per recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Phase 1A included clinical healthcare staff, residents and staff in long-term care facilities, persons in need of special care and staff in congregate living facilities (outside of nursing homes) and the elderly throughout the territory.

Phase 1A vaccinations started on December 16, 2020 and will continue throughout the upcoming phases. The Department of Health has received 4,825 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and approximately 1,200 doses have been administered across the territory.

Additional vaccines are being ordered and delivered on a weekly basis to ensure adequate supply to our community. In addition to first responders, persons with immunocompromised conditions, and the 65 and older population, Phase 1B comprises specified frontline staff of select local and federal public and private agencies or entities that regularly engage with the public. The following groups range from emergency or first responders to teachers and grocery workers.

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These organizations include the following:

Pharmacies	Local and Federal Courts	Water and Power Authority
Virgin Islands Police Department	Customs and Border Protection	Virgin Islands National Guard
Bureau of Corrections	Transportation Security Administration	Government House Enforcement Team
Virgin Islands Fire Service	Port Authority	Grocery Stores
Virgin Islands Department of Education	VI Taxi Associations	Department of Human Resources (Field Workers, Case Workers, and Home Care Workers)
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Enforcement Officers	Bureau of Motor Vehicles Department of Tourism	Banks
Department of Planning and Natural Resources Enforcement Officers	Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation	Local Contract Workers/Essential Workers
VITRAN Bus Drivers	Legislature of the Virgin Islands	
United States Postal Service	University of the Virgin Islands	

Jurisdictions across the nation are not obligated to comply with ACIP recommendations for phased vaccination population determinations; however, as most jurisdictions, we are using their recommendations as a guide.

It is expected for the Department to roll into subsequent phases as the vaccine inventory increases. The department has partnered with VITEMA to ensure the local and federal government target populations are vaccinated by working within each vaccinating provider's schedule and notifying the agency of which provider can be contacted for an appointment. A letter from VITEMA was issued to those groups requesting they indicate the number of persons in their agency who are interested in receiving the vaccine. Not all agencies have responded, but those who have were instructed to make an appointment with a participating provider.

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There are 28 providers (not including hospitals and distribution hubs) who have enrolled to administer vaccines and more who have expressed an interest in becoming a provider.

THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS ARE ACTIVELY VACCINATING BY APPOINTMENTS:	
St. Croix	St. Thomas
VI DOH Community Health STX 340-718-1311	VIDOH Community Health STT 340-774-7477
Neighborhood Pharmacy 340-718-6784	Carolyn Jones MD PC 340-774-2331
Delgiacco Medical LLC 340-772-1551	Inter-Island Pharmacies 340-777-1400
Pediatric Care Center 340-719-0681	Partners 4Kids 340-774-5437
St. Croix Obstetrics and Gynecology LLC 340-719-9876	Red Hook Family Practice PC 340-775-2303
Frederiksted Health Care Inc, North Shore 340-772-0260	VI Urologic Center, Inc. 340-774-9655
Plessen Urgent Care 340-715-7720	Yacht Haven Family Practice 340-776-1511
Frederiksted Health Care Inc., Ingeborge Nesbitt 340-772-0260	Cruz Bay Family Practice 340-776-6789
	Wilson Healthcare Consultants 340-776-5507
ProHealth Urgent Care LLC 340-998-2404	St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation 340-775-3700
Frederiksted Health Care, Mid Island 340-772-0260	St. John
Agape Wellness Center & Wound Care LLC 340-778-1932	Island Health and Wellness Center, Inc. 340-714-4270
Virgin Islands Ear, Nose & Throat STT 340-774-8881	
B & S Medical 340-713-0348	
Acute Alternative Medical Group 340-772-2883	
Transform KM (Kmart Pharmacy) 864-991-9643	
Risa M M Nielsen MD LLC 340-778-6680	
Virgin Islands Ear, Nose & Throat STX 340-773-8801	

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The next vaccination phase is 1C and includes individuals who work in water and waste management, food services, shelters and housing, finance, information technology and communications, energy, legal, and media with a continuation of those not vaccinated in phases 1A and 1B. Phases 2 and 3 encapsulate the wider public starting with those in prior phases who have not yet been vaccinated, then the rest of the wider public.

The overall vaccination process is fluid and changes depending on the allotment of vaccines sent to the territory as it becomes available nationally. The territory requests at least the minimum dose amount per vaccine (975 for Pfizer and 1,900 for Moderna) which is sent weekly as ordered. There are no exact dates for each phase to start and stop. The department is in the planning phases for mass vaccination slated for the early Spring of 2021.

For more information, please visit covid19usvi.com/vaccines.