

# NEWS

## For Immediate Release

January 11, 2021

### Media Availability:

*There will be media interview availability today (Monday, Jan. 11) from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm via WebEx. Please see the section below with information on how to RSVP to (virtually) attend. This opportunity will also be streamed live on CDH's YouTube page for public viewing/listening.*

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## COVID-19 vaccine update for Central District Health jurisdiction

Central District Health (CDH) and enrolled vaccine providers in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley counties continue to work closely on coordination of weekly vaccine allocations and planning for future groups of vaccine distribution. This week marks the fifth week of vaccine being received and offered to healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents in the state's [Group One](#) of vaccine distribution. Among the seven subgroups, vaccine is currently being offered to subgroups one through four in CDH's jurisdiction, and as enrolled vaccinators move through these subgroups, vaccine will be offered to the remaining three subgroups. Current subgroups include:

- 1.1
  - Hospital staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity (includes support staff as well as clinical staff)
  - Outpatient clinic staff essential for care of COVID-19 patients and maintaining hospital capacity
- 1.2
  - Long-term care facility staff
  - Home care providers for adults 65 years of age and older or for other adults or children with high-risk medical conditions
- 1.3
  - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- 1.4
  - Outpatient and inpatient medical staff not already included above who are unable to telework

To date, 28,300 COVID-19 vaccines have been allotted to CDH's jurisdiction and shipped directly to enrolled vaccine providers.

“Our enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers are making impressive progress with providing their employees and other community healthcare workers vaccine, but it will take a while to move through Group One, particularly in Ada County, the state’s most populous county. Our ability to offer our communities vaccine relies squarely on the volume of vaccine our state receives and our specific health district is allotted. We want to remind people that the pace in one health district, or even within Central District Health’s four counties, may move differently and we ask for the community’s patience in this significant effort,” said Russ Duke, District Director for Central District Health.

**Vaccinating healthcare providers not employed with an enrolled vaccine provider**

CDH has established a process for healthcare workers who do not work for an employer enrolled as a COVID-19 vaccine provider. Healthcare workers within the [Group One Subgroups](#) should contact CDH’s Call Center to be connected to an available vaccine provider in the community. CDH’s Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 208-321-2222. Please note, CDH is not currently matching anyone beyond Group One to vaccine providers or maintaining a list.

**How will you know when it’s your turn to get your vaccine and where to go?**

Public health is working through the vaccine effort in segments based on the Groups and Subgroups established by the state. As we work through Group One and more is known about timing and locations specific for Groups Two and Three, CDH will share that information with the public. CDH and its enrolled vaccine providers will work to notify the public through a number of public communication channels including websites, social media, and community and media partners. CDH has created an [information sign up form](#) for COVID-19 vaccine updates and information. To sign up, visit [cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine](http://cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine).

**COVID-19 Vaccination – By the Numbers**

<i>Number of doses allotted to CDH’s jurisdiction to-date:</i>			
<b>Week (shipment began 12/14/20)</b>	<b>Pfizer Vaccine Allowance</b>	<b>Moderna Vaccine Allowance</b>	
1	4,875	n/a	
2	975	9,100	
3	975	3,900	
4	0	3,300	
5*	975	4,200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>28,300</b>
<b>Number of enrolled vaccine provider groups in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties to-date</b> <i>Note: number is anticipated to increase as more vaccine is available, and as providers can directly-order desired vaccine volumes.</i>		<b>19 Provider Groups</b> – most have multiple clinic sites approved to receive and administer vaccine <b>7 Provider Groups</b> in the enrollment process	

*\*Week 5 doses will be shipped and received by enrolled vaccine providers the week of Jan. 11, 2021.*

## **Keep Informed**

Visit [cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine](https://cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine) for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), updates and links to other valuable vaccine-related information. Find CDH on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @CDHIdaho. Sign up for information and updates on COVID-19 vaccine at [cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine](https://cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine).

Statewide COVID-19 vaccine counts are posted to the state's coronavirus website; numbers may be delayed due to vaccine providers being allowed 72-hours to enter data into the state's vaccine registry.

## **Media Availability + Public Listening: Monday, January 11 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Media** are invited to join CDH for interview availability on Monday, January 11, 2021 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm. CDH District Director, Russ Duke and CDH Program Manager, working on vaccine distribution logistics, Gina Pannell.

**To RSVP**, email [cmyron@cdh.idaho.gov](mailto:cmyron@cdh.idaho.gov) and [agilmore@cdh.idaho.gov](mailto:agilmore@cdh.idaho.gov) with your name, email address and your media outlet name. A WebEx link will be emailed to you in advance of the media availability.

**Members of the public** are invited to watch and listen to the media availability through CDH's YouTube channel at the following link. Once the live stream ends, a recorded version will be posted to the CDH YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4LJ1BM5Jv3zczecnykXarw>

**For more information about COVID-19, visit**  
**<https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid>**  
**or call the CDH Call Center at 208-321-2222, Monday through Friday**  
**between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm**  
*(Note: The call center is closed most holidays.)*  
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