

Public Health – Seattle & King County
Pandemic Influenza Response Plan

Appendix A

King County Priority Groups For Influenza Vaccination During a Pandemic

Vaccinations will be administered in sequential order. Tier 1 will receive vaccinations first until the entire Tier has been completed, followed by Tier 2, 3, and 4. Within each Tier, individuals in Subtier A will be vaccinated first until completed, then Subtiers B, C, and D.

Tier 1	Subtier A	Subtier B	Subtier C	Subtier D
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Health care workers (HCWs) providing direct patient care → Essential healthcare support personnel → Vaccinators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → High-risk patients 65 years old or older with one high risk condition → Patients 6 months to 64 years old with two high risk conditions → People 6 months or older hospitalized in the past year for influenza, pneumonia, or a high-risk condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Pregnant women → Household contacts of people who are severely immune-compromised → Household contacts of children less than 6 months old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Public Health emergency responders critical to pandemic response → Key government leaders
Total number	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Tier 2	Subtier A	Subtier B
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → All healthy people 65 years old and older → People 6 months to 64 years old with one high risk condition → Healthy children 6 to 23 months old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Other public health emergency responders → Public safety workers including police, fire, 911 dispatchers and correctional facility staff → Utility workers essential for maintenance of power, water, and sewage system → Transportation workers transporting fuel, water, food, and medical supplies as well as public ground transportation → Telecommunications workers for essential network operations and maintenance
Total number	TBD	TBD

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Tier 3	Subtier A
Description	→ Key government health decision-makers → Funeral home directors and embalmers
Total number	TBD

Tier 4	Subtier A
Description	→ Healthy people 2 to 64 years old not included in the categories above
Total number	TBD

*Based on guidelines included in the
Department of Health and Human Services Pandemic Influenza Plan, 2005*