

COVID-19: December Vaccine Distribution Information from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Background

Limited COVID-19 vaccine became available to states on December 12, 2020. Shipping began on December 12, with shipments going to locations identified through early vaccine distribution planning efforts. Additional shipments are expected weekly throughout December. All Wyoming counties will receive doses before the end of the month.

Shipment locations for the initial 4,875 doses were determined by first identifying hospitals and county health departments in the state that had ultra low temperature freezers in place with room for the vaccine. Documentation that the freezers could maintain the necessary temperatures for storage was required. The first batch of shipments will be used within the counties they are being shipped to directly, primarily because of potential concerns with the shipping container and the packaging durability beyond the original destination location.

The Moderna vaccine - which does not require ultra low temperature storage - is expected to be shipped to remaining Wyoming counties next week. If the estimates and expectations about vaccine production and authorizations continue as planned, each Wyoming county should receive enough vaccines to cover most individuals in the Phase 1a priority group within a few weeks. The overall plan for getting vaccines distributed to counties is based on Phase 1a population estimates ([Wyoming Department of Health-Phase 1a COVID-19 Vaccination Priorities](#)).

At the county level, where possible, WDH will allocate and place orders for Moderna vaccine to be shipped directly to hospitals and county public health agencies based on the following: 75% to hospitals in the county and 25% to the county public health agency. Due to minimum order requirements, some locations will not receive a direct shipment or a different allocation percentage may be needed. Regardless of ship to location, there is an expectation that doses will be allocated appropriately, approximately 75% to hospitals and 25% to county public health. Understandably, there may be some reasons another percentage allocation may be needed in some counties if, for example, there is more than one hospital in the county and dependent upon the county-enrolled provider that is planning to vaccinate Phase 1a critical populations.

Below are estimated amounts of vaccine that will be sent to counties in December. **These amounts are tentative at this time and may change.** Any changes will be communicated, and as more information is known regarding ordering and shipping dates, that information will also be provided.

Tentative Distribution Schedule- updates will be made as necessary

Subject to change based on authorization of Moderna vaccine and availability of both vaccines

Anticipated week of orders/delivery	Week of 12-14-20	Week of 12-21-20	Week of 12-21-20	Week of 12-28-20	Week of 12-28-20	Total Est. in Dec.
Vaccine Type	Pfizer	Moderna	Pfizer	Moderna	Pfizer	
Albany		900		200		1100
Big Horn		600		100		700
Campbell	975	500		200		1675
Carbon		500		100		600
Converse		500		100		600
Crook		200				200

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Vaccine Type	Pfizer	Moderna	Pfizer	Moderna	Pfizer	
Fremont		1,000		100		1,100
Goshen		400		100		500
Hot Springs		200				200
Johnson		300		100		400
Laramie	975		975	1,000		2,950
Lincoln		800				800
Natrona	975		975	1,200		3,150
Niobrara		100				100
Park	975	300				1,275
Platte		300				300
Sheridan		1,100		100		1,200
Sublette		200				200
Sweetwater		1,100		100		1,200
Teton	975					975
Uinta		500		100		600
Washakie		200				200
Weston		300				300
Totals	4,875	10,000	1,950	3,500	0	20,325

Additional vaccine is allocated to Wyoming for the Federal Pharmacy Partners for Long Term Care Program. This program ensures Walgreens and CVS across the country will provide COVID-19 vaccinations to residents and staff of long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities within 75 miles of the pharmacy. Enrollment for this program ended in early November. WDH has worked with local public health and facilities that did not enroll in the program or were too far from the pharmacies to ensure vaccination of residents. These vaccinations are tentatively set to begin in early January, 2021.