

# Vaccine distribution involves Federal, State and Local decisions

## Federal agencies:

- Which vaccines are approved for use in United States (FDA)
- How much vaccine will be allocated to each state (CDC)
- Overall framework for who gets vaccine at each phase of the rollout (CDC)
- Ongoing research, monitoring, and oversight (NIH, FDA, CDC)

## California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

- Which vaccine(s) will be used in CA
- How much vaccine will be allocated to each local health jurisdiction/county
- State-specific framework for who get vaccine when (per federal guidelines)
- Which data systems will be used across the state to monitor vaccine distribution and uptake
- Ongoing data collection, monitoring and oversight

## Alameda County Health Care Services Agency:

- Coordinate local infrastructure for vaccine storage, distribution, & administration
- Promote equitable distribution across local communities
- County-specific framework for who gets vaccine when (per state guidelines)
- Ongoing data reporting and monitoring



# Vaccine Prioritization Framework

- ❖ **Alameda County is following Federal and State recommendations, which change from time to time**
- ❖ Timing through each phase depends on vaccine supply and demand
- ❖ Local health depts. have *some* discretion within phases, but cannot skip phases or go out of order

- **1a: Health care workers & long term care facility residents and staff**
- **1b: Essential workers & people 75+ years old**
- **1c:**
  - **Older adults** in congregate living settings
  - **People at significantly higher risk** due to underlying health

Phase 1



- **Older adults** not in Phase 1
- **Incarcerated and detained persons** and jail/detention staff
- Staff and residents of: **homeless shelters, and group homes** for people with disabilities or serious mental illness
- **People at moderate risk** due to underlying health

Phase 2



- **Young adults**
- **Children**
- **Workers not covered in Phases 1 or 2**

Phase 3



- **Anyone who did not access vaccine in Phases 1, 2, or 3**

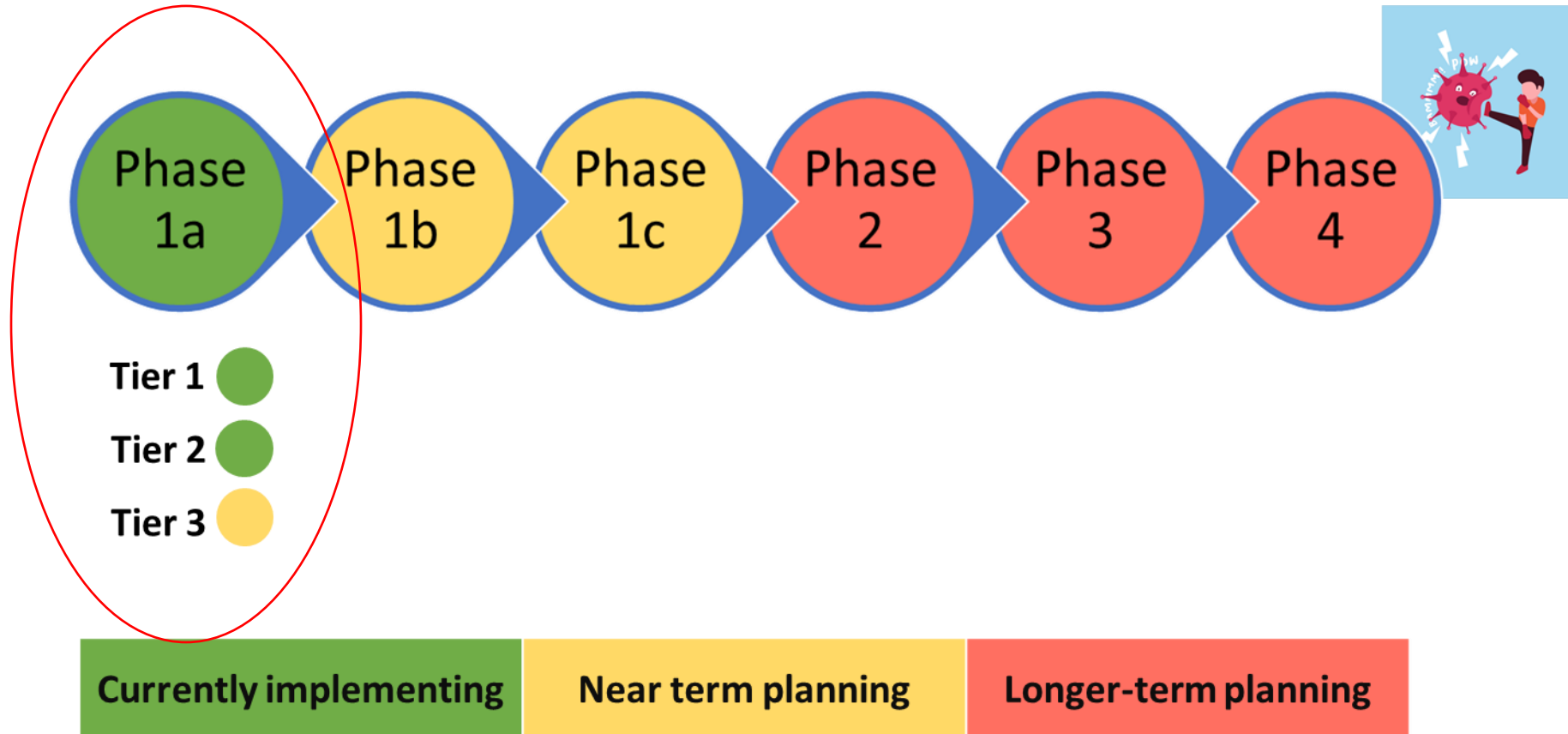
Phase 4



Equity is cross-cutting issue



# What Phase are we in?



# Who's in Phase 1a?

*The Public Health Department is reaching out to eligible health care workers as vaccine becomes available.*

## **Tier 1 (vaccination started in mid-December):**

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospital staff
- Staff and residents of skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services
- Dialysis centers

## **Tier 2 (vaccine started late December):**

- Intermediate Care Facility staff & residents
- Home Health Care/In-Home Supportive Services
- Community Health Workers/Promotoras
- Public Health Field Staff (including Testing Site Staff)
- Primary Care Clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, Correctional Facility Clinics & Urgent Care Clinics

## **Tier 3 (vaccination not yet started):**

- Specialty Clinics
- Laboratory Workers
- Dental/Oral Health Clinics
- Pharmacy Staff (non-Hospital)



# What's being planned for Phase 1b and 1c?

## Phase 1b: Essential Workers & >75y.o\*

- State Guidelines group is working to prioritize at least 6M essential workers
- Ranking by: occupational exposure, equity, societal impact, econ impact
- Current priorities:
  - Education
  - Emergency Services
  - Food/agriculture

## Phase 1c: People with High-Risk Conditions

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Heart conditions
- Solid organ transplant
- Obesity (BMI>40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Adults >50 yo, congregate/overcrowded settings



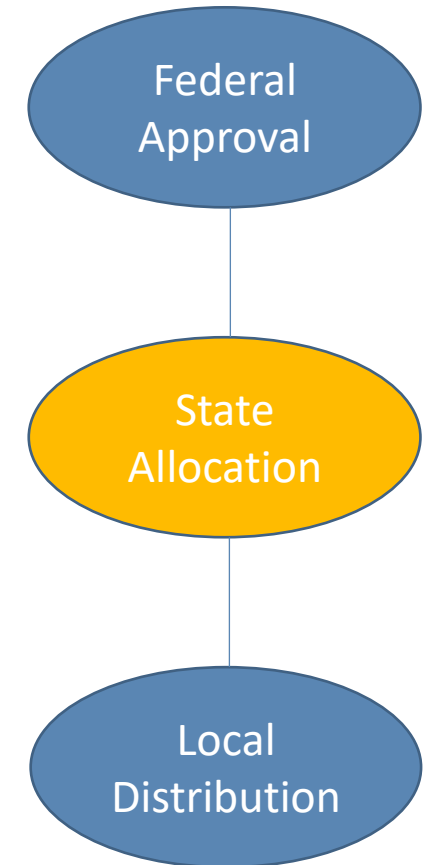
# How is California making vaccine decisions?

## Statewide COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force

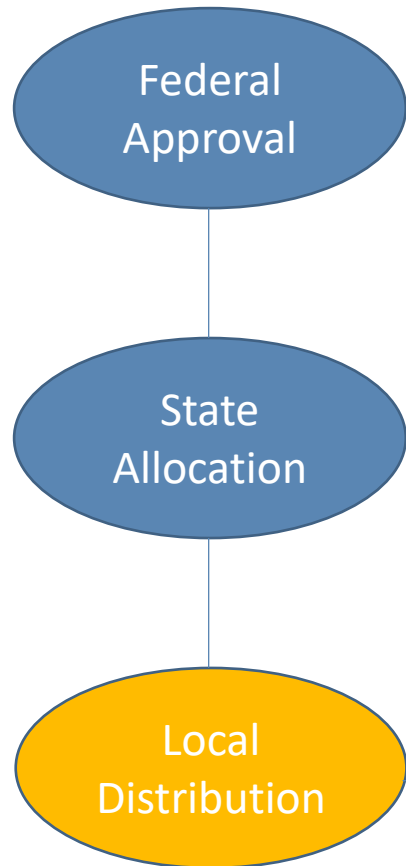
- Multiple State agencies and workgroups
- Scientific Safety Review Workgroup: vaccine experts to provide CA “seal of approval” on vaccine efficacy and safety
- Drafting Guidelines Workgroup: develop allocation guidance for who will receive vaccine when supply is limited
- Community Vaccine Advisory Committee: advises State’s Task Force on direction of task force workgroups

## CDPH in regular communication with local health departments

- Weekly calls, webinars, technical assistance
- Surveys and data collection to inform state and local decisions
- **Priorities change week to week & day to day**



# Local Plan: How is Alameda County preparing for the vaccine?



**Multidisciplinary COVAX Team has 3 focus areas:**

**1. Community Advisory Group**

- Equity lens
- Engage and inform residents and community partners
- Seeking input on vaccine prioritization, trust building, messaging

**2. Health Care Delivery System**

- Coordinating clinical providers (hospitals, community clinics, private practice) to ensure broad access
- Collaborative process to support equity strategies

**3. Immunization Logistics**

- Liaison to State's Immunization team
- Monitoring cold chain and capacity
- Community-based Points of Distribution (PODs)
- Ongoing data and progress monitoring

- *Communications, Data, & Health Equity teams in close partnership with COVAX team*
- *Coordination with cities in all three focus areas*



# Alameda County Vaccine Values & Principles

- Provide transparent and accurate information to help people make vaccine decisions
- Lead with equity and data
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - Geography
  - Socioeconomic factors
  - Critical populations
- Ensure safe and equitable distribution
- Leverage all venues & partners for broad distribution
  - Hospitals
  - Clinics
  - Private practice
  - Pharmacies
  - Community based Points of Distribution (PODs)





# Next steps

- What types of information would be helpful for you throughout this process?
- How often would you like to meet?
- Next meeting (1/12/21) agenda:
  - State prioritization updates
  - Local implementation updates
  - Available local data & recommendations
  - Communications & messaging considerations

