



Notice of Update to Vaccination Distribution Plan

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As of 12/30/20, Tennessee's vaccine distribution plan¹ includes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Phase 1a1 who are residents of group homes and other individuals who are:

- 18 years and older and
- Cannot live independently due to a serious chronic medical condition or intellectual or developmental disability

This means Tennesseans who meet the criteria above are eligible for Phase 1a1. With questions or concerns, contact: (615) 852-1194.



¹ Tennessee Distribution Plan -- https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf page 14

Tennessee Code Annotated Title 33 Definitions:

“Developmental disability” in a person over five (5) years of age means a condition that:

- (i) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (ii) Manifested before twenty-two (22) years of age;
- (iii) Likely to continue indefinitely;
- (iv) Results in substantial functional limitations in three (3) or more of the following major life activities:
 - (a) Self-care;
 - (b) Receptive and expressive language;
 - (c) Learning;
 - (d) Mobility;
 - (e) Self-direction;
 - (f) Capacity for independent living; or
 - (g) Economic self-sufficiency; and
- (v) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic services, supports, or other assistance that is likely to continue indefinitely and need to be individually planned and coordinated.

“Intellectual disability” means, for the purposes of the general functions of the department as set forth in § 4-3-2701(b), substantial limitations in functioning:

- (i) As shown by significantly sub-average intellectual functioning that exists concurrently with related limitations in two (2) or more of the following adaptive skill areas: communication, self-care, home living, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure, and work; and
- (ii) That are manifested before eighteen (18) years of age.