

Annex 6-B: Vaccine Priority Groups Enumeration Tool

Estimates of Health-Care Workers

One of the groups identified as a priority group for receiving vaccine consists of health-care workers. In order to minimize morbidity and mortality, the health service response and the vaccination program need to be maintained. Immunization of health-care workers will reduce transmission to patients, staff, and families within facilities.

Health-care workers may be considered in the following work settings for the purpose of the immunization program:

- acute care hospitals
- long-term care facilities and nursing homes
- private physician offices
- home care and other community care facilities
- public health offices
- ambulance and paramedic services
- pharmacies
- laboratories

Each district health authority needs to determine its own priorities, but health-care workers may include the following:

Health-Care Providers

Nurses
Nurse practitioners
Physicians
Paramedics
Health-care aides, personal support workers
Laboratory workers
X-ray technicians
Respiratory therapists
Physiotherapists
Occupational therapists
Public health staff
Vaccinators

Health Support Staff

911 dispatchers
Kitchen staff
Housekeeping
Porters
Receptionists
In-hospital pharmacy staff
Maintenance staff
Shipping and receiving staff
Managers

Estimates of Emergency and Essential Service Workers

One of the groups identified as a priority group for receiving vaccine consists of essential service providers. An effective response to an influenza pandemic will depend on whether these persons are in place to maintain key community services.

Each municipality needs to determine its own priorities but essential service workers may include the following:

Police officers

Firefighters

Emergency response decision makers (e.g., Emergency Management Office, police chiefs, fire chiefs)

Public works and utility workers

Water

Wastewater

Electricity

Essential communications systems

Funeral service/mortuary personnel

Provincial correctional service officers

Public transit workers

Air traffic controllers

Persons involved in the transportation of essential goods (e.g., food)

Religious leaders

Personnel of key community groups (e.g., Meals on Wheels, shelters)

Estimates of Persons at High Risk of Severe or Fatal Outcomes Following Influenza Infection

One of the groups identified as a priority group for receiving vaccine is persons at high risk of morbidity and mortality following influenza infection. Prioritization of individuals within this group will depend on the epidemiology of the disease at the time of an influenza pandemic.

- A. Persons in nursing homes, long-term care facilities and homes for the elderly
- B. Persons with high-risk medical conditions living independently in the community
- C. Persons over 65 years of age living independently and not included in 3A and 3B
- D. Children, 6 months to 23 months of age (current vaccines are not recommended for children under 6 months of age)
- E. Pregnant women

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Please complete and return to the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Authority: _____

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Table 6-1: Estimates of health-care providers and health support staff

Site	Estimate	
	Health-care providers	Health support staff
<i>Priority workers</i>		
Acute care hospitals		
Long-term care facilities		
Physician offices		
Public health offices		
EHS staff and paramedics		
Pharmacies		
Laboratories		
<i>Non-priority workers</i>		
Licensed homes for special care		
Mental health clinics		
Health-care students		
Volunteers at any site		
Others (e.g., dentists)		

Table 6-2: Estimates of essential service workers

Essential service worker	Estimate
Police (local/provincial)	
Firefighters (including volunteers)	
Emergency response decision makers	
Utility workers	
Water	
Wastewater	
Electricity	
Telecommunications	
Funeral services/mortuary personnel	
Provincial correctional service officers	
Public transit workers	
Air traffic controllers	
Persons involved in the transportation of essential goods (e.g., food)	
Religious leaders	
Personnel of key community groups (e.g., Meals on Wheels, shelters)	

Table 6-3: Estimates of high-risk persons

High-risk category	Estimate
Persons in nursing homes, long-term care facilities and homes for the elderly	
Persons with high-risk medical conditions living independently in the community	<i>Method for identifying this group yet to be determined</i>
Persons over 65 years of age living independently and not included in the above two categories	
Children, 6 months to 23 months of age (based on birth cohort)	
Pregnant women	