FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY.

THE VACCINES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. YOU’LL LIKELY NEED TWO DOSES FOR FULL PROTECTION.

YOU CANNOT GET COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINE.

TEXAS IS ALREADY DISTRIBUTING VACCINE AND WILL CONTINUE AS MORE BECOMES AVAILABLE.
HEALTH/VACCINE EQUITY

Priority to Marginalized Communities Who Lack Access to Healthcare

Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity

Enhance Population Well-Being

NO ONE IS SAFE UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE
COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

- **Phase I**: Limited COVID-19 Vaccine Availability
  - COVID-19 vaccine administration efforts must concentrate on the vulnerable and frontline populations to achieve vaccination coverage in those groups

- **Phase II**: Large Number of Doses Available; Supply Likely to Meet Demand
  - Ensure high uptake in specific populations, particularly in groups that are at higher risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19.

- **Phase III**: Likely Sufficient Supply
  - A broad vaccine administration network will become available for increased access

- **Phase IV**: Sufficient Supply
  - Vaccine availability open throughout private providers. Population able to visit provider of choice.
COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION - TIMELINE

Phase I
Vaccine Arrival
Limited Doses
December 16, 2020

Phase II
Larger Number of Doses
Feb – July 2021

Phase III
Sufficient Supply of Doses
July – Oct 2021

Phase IV
Sufficient Supply of Doses
Decreased need
Oct 2021

Disclaimer: Contingent on Manufacturing and Supply Allocations
Phase 1A - December 14, 2020 - Health Care Workers

- First Tier
- Second Tier

Phase 1B – December 29, 2020 - People 65 years of age and older and People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
- Solid organ transplantation
- Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
COVID-19 VACCINE COMMITTEE

COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDERS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF

COVID-19 VACCINE TEAM
IMPLEMENTATION

- **Vaccines Arrive – December 16, 2020; Continuous**
  - Establish Communication with initial COVID-19 Providers – Provide DSHS EVAP Guidance and Vaccine Storage and Handling Specifics
  - Monitor Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS)

- **Vaccine Administration - December 16, 2020; Continuous**
  - Provided to Eligible Populations; Phased Approach

- **Communications December 16, 2020; Continuous**
  - Weekly Virtual Round Table with COVID-19 Providers
  - Weekly Virtual Round Table with COVID-19 Vaccine Committee
  - Dissemination of Accurate Numbers of Vaccines Available
  - Vaccinate with Confidence Campaign

- **Mass Vaccination Campaigns January 2020: Continuous**
  - Drive-Thru Operations
  - Multiple Community Locations
  - Encourage COVID-19 Providers to Collaborate with Laredo Health

- **Second Dose Reminders December 16, 2020; Continuous**
  - Provider Reminders and V-safe software

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The City of Laredo plans to administer vaccines utilizing the resources of local stakeholders. This includes:

- Utilizing FQHC-Gateway Community Health Centers and Faith Based-Mercy Ministries Health Care (mobile bus) for underserved areas
- Vaccines drive-thru with community partners; UISD & LISD (School Districts), Laredo College and Texas A & M University
- Small vaccine drives (when more vaccine is available) at schools (UISD & LISD, Private) in Laredo/Webb serving as a POD site (50+ sites) for the surrounding neighborhoods
- Massive inoculation event(s) Sames Auto Area will be utilized to provide vaccines to 1000s
The City of Laredo plans to administer vaccines utilizing the resources of local stakeholders. This includes:

- Utilizing the City of Laredo Health Department as the keystone for vaccine administration
- Employing the use of City of Laredo Vaccine Team coupled with volunteers to reach underserved areas
- Utilize Curative Lab infrastructure/kiosks and their mobile vans to administer vaccines to hard to reach areas of the community where residents may not have transportation or willing to leave their home
- Currently, City of Laredo, is already targeting Non-Nursing Home- Housing facilities/units of seniors that live in communities in Laredo that do not have transportation access and or may be Bedridden.
Proper vaccine storage and handling practices play a very important role in protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccine quality is the shared responsibility of everyone, from the time vaccine is manufactured until it is administered.

To ensure that all providers are educated in CDC storage and handling best practices, CLHD highly encourages all COVID-19 vaccine providers to complete CDC’s You Call the Shots Module 10 with their enrollment process.
Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS)

- Vaccine Providers will use VAOS to acknowledge vaccines allocated to them, confirm receipt of vaccine shipments, and report vaccine administration & waste.

- EOC has requested access to a data dashboard with information about vaccine allocation, supply chain, and administration.
Communication and coordination with COVID-19 Vaccine Providers is important in all phases of the COVID-19 Vaccination Response. This communication will help ensure local jurisdictions and providers adhere to recommendations and guidance from DSHS and COL authorities.

EOC will monitor and maintain awareness of local level strategies, supply, delivery, distribution, scheduling, administration and collection of data activities and provide technical assistance as needed. To collect vaccine availability data a daily survey will be sent to all COVID-19 Providers.
The Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2, will provide regular extracts of clients coming due for the second COVID-19 dose. Local COVID-19 Vaccine providers will be encouraged to develop procedures to perform reminder/recall outreach based on data received from ImmTrac2 or available through their respective Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems.

CLHD will champion the use of V-safe. V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.
The City of Laredo has procured a cloud-based scheduling software to help facilitate access to setting appointments at Laredo Health and during Mass Vaccination Campaigns. (VaccinateLaredo.com)

A call center for scheduling vaccine appoints has been activated to ensure access to populations without internet accessibility. (956-795-4920)

Future – multiple vaccination centers available; contingent on large allocation of vaccines
COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDERS – COMMUNITY APPROACH

- Public and Private Partnership
- Vaccines have been shipped to 19 different locations in the Laredo *as of 1/19/2021
- List of providers and locations: https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3ddace5c376b
THANK YOU

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