

# BOSTON UNIVERSITY

## VACCINATION PHASE 1 PRIORITY SCHEDULE

BU has been designated as a vaccination distribution site by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and must abide by the priority schedule [prescribed by the state](#).

(The state's phased priorities are updated every Tuesday and Thursday by 5 pm; please see the state's Phase 1 priority groups (listed in order of priority) as of 1/13/21 in the yellow boxes below.)

### BU PHASE 1A PRIORITY

#### **1A: Clinical and nonclinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care**

Including: COVID-19 testers, staff of test sites, urgent care centers, other clinics, school nurses, and public health nurses performing COVID-19 testing; COVID-19 vaccinators and support staff for a COVID vaccination clinic, including pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, school nurses, and public health nurses supporting COVID-19 vaccination; Medical Reserve Corps who are called up to vaccinate or other COVID-facing direct care work; COVID-facing hospice/palliative care professionals; COVID-facing laboratorians; COVID-facing imaging professions; emergent employees (manufacturing COVID vaccine); sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE); primary care providers; skilled nursing facility rapid response teams

#### **This includes:**

- Isolation facility staff
- BU Clinical Testing Lab staff
- Research laboratorians working with live SARS-CoV-2 virus
- Collection site staff
- SHS, OHC, and ROHP staff (vaccinators, primary care providers, and those with in-person appointments with symptomatic patients)
- Students in clinical placements who are routinely working with confirmed or suspected COVID patients at healthcare facilities and have the ability to come to campus for vaccination

*Within each group, the nonclinical support staff, including third-party contractors currently being tested by BU, who are routinely working at the named BU sites and have similar risks of COVID exposure (e.g., facilities, administrative, and technical support) should be included in the same priority level.*

### BU PHASE 1B PRIORITY

#### **1B: Long-term care facilities, rest homes, and assisted-living facilities**

#### **This includes:**

- Students in clinical placements who are routinely working at long-term care facilities and assisted-living facilities and have the ability to come to campus for vaccination

### BU PHASE 1C PRIORITY

#### **1C: Emergency medical services, police, and fire**

#### **This includes:**

- BU Police Department
- EMTs working at BU

### BU PHASE 1D PRIORITY

#### **1D: Congregate care settings (including shelters and corrections)**

#### **This includes:**

- Students in clinical placements who are routinely working at corrections facilities and have the ability to come to campus for vaccination

### BU PHASE 1E PRIORITY

#### **1E: Home-based healthcare workers**

#### **This includes:**

- Students in clinical placements who are routinely working with patients in their homes and have the ability to come to campus for vaccination

### BU PHASE 1F PRIORITY

#### **1F: Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care**

Including: dentists/dental students and dental hygienists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, such as oral surgeons covering the ER, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); medical and nursing students (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); inpatient and outpatient physical therapists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); interpreters who work in hospitals (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); behavioral health clinicians not already covered in congregate care or direct care; non-COVID-facing laboratorians; blood donation workers; organ donation procurement workers; hospice/palliative care professionals; non-COVID-facing imaging professionals; dialysis center workers and patients; audiologists and speech and language pathologists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); podiatrists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing); Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) staff; audiologists; SUD treatment program staff (if program is nonresidential)

#### **This includes:**

- All other currently patient-facing healthcare workers (faculty, staff, and students) on campus—GSDM clinics, Sargent clinics, CARD, Danielsen, SHS, OHC, and ROHP—at BU healthcare units. Support staff at BU healthcare units who are in contact with patients should also be included in the same priority level.
- Students in clinical placements in a patient-facing role at a healthcare facility and have the ability to come to campus for vaccination: GSDM, Sargent, CAS PSY, SSW, Wheelock, and selected MED GMS programs.

**“Individuals who do not come into contact with patients (e.g., back office, remote work, administrative staff who do not come into contact with patients, laboratory researchers who do not come into contact with patients) are not prioritized in Phase 1 and should be prioritized in Phase 2 or Phase 3, depending on each individual’s age, comorbidity status, or other worker category”**

Source: [Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#). Information is subject to change as the state's phased priorities change.