



The Viral News

[EUA granted Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



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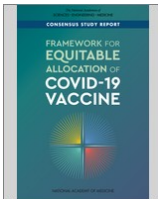
VACCINES

[Vaccine Distribution—Equity Left Behind?](#)



As states prioritize now vaccinating individuals 65 and older, key considerations should include distribution to zip codes most hit by COVID-19 and that have high indices of economic hardship, partner with local health care institutions and the community to promote vaccine awareness, prioritize distribution to those with mobility and transportation barriers, and finally simplify the registration process.

[Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



This report offers a framework for equitable allocation of COVID-19 vaccine. It is built on widely accepted foundational principles and recognizes the distinctive characteristics of COVID-19 disease, including its rates of infection, its modes of transmission, the groups and individuals most susceptible to infection, and varying rates of severe illness and death among those groups.

VARIANTS

[Coronavirus Variants and Mutations](#)



Updated coverage of emerging variants, geographies where they are found, and their proposed benefit for the virus (aid transmission, avoid antibodies, etc.)

SUPPLY CHAIN

[Spread the vaccine...not the virus](#)



“The White House said the entire stockpile of the newly approved single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will go out immediately. J&J will deliver about 16 million more doses by the end of March and 100 million total by the end of June, but the distribution would be backloaded.”

[Merck Steps Up and Steps In](#)



“The assistance from Merck was expected to help J&J meet its production commitments and expand supply even further, but the administration did not immediately provide specifics. Officials have said J&J faced unexpected production issues with its vaccine and produced only 3.9 million doses ahead of its receiving emergency use authorization on Saturday. The company has promised to deliver 100 million doses by the end of June.”