HUD Recommendations for CoCs
Preparing for Vaccine Rollout

HUD recommends that CoCs implement the steps below to prepare for vaccine rollout for people experiencing homelessness:

**Review Your State’s Vaccination Plan**

- Review your state’s vaccination plan and document any concerns or critical issues to discuss with the public health partners responsible for vaccine distribution.

**Engage Public Health Partners to Plan for Vaccine Rollout**

- Contact state or local public health partners to determine who is responsible for vaccine planning and coordination. Visit [this link](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-planning-and-distribution/) for a list of questions to assist in planning with health partners.

**Assure Priority Vaccine Access for Essential Staff and People Experiencing Homelessness**

- If people experiencing homelessness are not prioritized, refer to HUD guidance to educate public health partners and local decision makers about prioritizing sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in Phase 1 (see December 2020 memo).

**Engage People Experiencing Homelessness and Identify Vaccine Ambassadors**

- Trusted individuals in the homeless community and Vaccine Ambassadors should talk to people experiencing homelessness to learn about concerns and vaccination barriers. You may enlist encampment members, case managers, or faith leaders.

**Build Vaccine Confidence**

- Schedule meetings with staff and with people experiencing homelessness to discuss vaccinations. Bring in trusted partners.

**Resources**

Use the following tools to aid your conversations with staff and people experiencing homelessness.

1. Building Staff Confidence Document
2. Communication Confidence Checklist
3. COVID-19 Meeting Template
4. Vaccination Conversation Tips