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The **Pima County Health Department** released a plan Tuesday that will eventually include vaccinating up to 12,200 people per day against COVID-19 and could be expanded to more than 16,000 per day in the near future.

The new County Accelerated Immunization Plan was released Jan 12. Click on link below to view:

https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Administration/CHHmemosForWeb/2021/January/County Accelerated Immunization Plan.pdf

Pima County residents who want to get vaccinated here need to register through a site administered by the county Health Department, not through the state's **Department of Health Services site.**

The county is testing its registration system now and plans to activate parts of it by the end of the day Wednesday, Jan. 13. To register, click <http://www.pima.gov/covid19vaccine>, including three registration links that will be made live today, likely toward the end of the day.

Anyone without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201 to be connected with someone who can help. If you have an Arizona area code, you can also call 211. We will continue to update you as new information is received.

- Based on newly released guidance from the Federal Government recommending lowering the age for inclusion in Phase 1b to 65 and to include younger patients with underlying health conditions State of Arizona Officials decided Wednesday to lower the age of people in the Phase1b to 65. Arizona officials will decide later about including persons younger than 65 with underlying health conditions.

- Counties in the State of Arizona can create their own plans that don't align with the State Plan if they think they can make better use of the available supply.
- Near the end of this week, the county plans to begin vaccinating the first portion of the "**1B**" population.

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- The Federal Government stated they will start basing vaccine allocation partly on how successful states have been administering those already provided.

Arizona officials reported that Arizona is 16th in nation for number of doses vaccinated even before the opening of the State Farm Stadium High Capacity Site in Glendale.

- Arizona High Capacity Site is in full swing at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale and anyone in the State is eligible regard less of County of residence that meets State eligibility requirements.

According to AZDHS spokesperson Steve Elliott, nearly 4,000 people had been vaccinated by 6 p.m. at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. The first day of vaccinations consisted of a 9-hour soft launch and ramp-up. Elliott says after the site scaled up operations, Tuesday's capacity saw 200 doses administered an hour, or what's projected to be about 4,800 vaccines in the first 24 hours.

The site opened at 12:01 a.m. for vaccine recipients in Phase 1A and Phase 1B Priority, including healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, law enforcement officers, Arizonans over the age of 75, and others at the top of the priority list for vaccine distribution.

The website to register is podvaccine.azdhs.gov. To register for other areas in Arizona, click [here](#). This link does not appear to be working at the time of this posting.

