

As part of federal efforts to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines, CDC is beginning implementation of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Starting as early as [Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>](#), 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed to select retail pharmacies nationwide that are participating in the program to vaccinate priority groups in states and territories. Some states have already engaged pharmacies as trusted partners to help with COVID-19 vaccine administration through their state planning efforts. This program represents one component of the Biden Administration's strategy to expand access to vaccines for the American public.

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program was designed to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines and decrease the logistical and operational burden on public health departments. The program will be implemented incrementally based on the available supply of COVID-19 vaccines. As the vaccine supply increases, the program aims to expand the number of participating pharmacy locations to more than 40,000. CDC worked with jurisdictions to determine which pharmacy partners would start providing vaccine in their communities as the program begins and which patient populations will be prioritized in their states.

For more information on this program, visit CDC's [website](#).