

Vaccine Distribution



The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act provides billions of dollars for the effective distribution of COVID-19 vaccines as part of the \$93 billion devoted to public health activities related to the pandemic. A majority of funds will go to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to allocate:

- **\$7.6 billion** to support COVID-19 response at community health centers, which includes for the promotion and distribution of vaccines.
- **\$7.5 billion** for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to carry out activities to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track COVID-19 vaccines, including support for state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments.
- **\$5.2 billion** for the purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, and ancillary medical supplies.
- **\$425 million** for expenses of children under the care of HHS, including the distribution of vaccines to children and staff attending to those children.

For Native American tribes and tribal and urban organizations, \$5.484 billion is provided to the Secretary for carrying out activities of the Indian Health Service (IHS), of which \$600 million is set aside for expenses related to vaccines and vaccine distribution.



Vaccine distribution provisions in the ARP include funds allocated to support a comprehensive approach to immunization.

- **\$1 billion** to HHS for CDC information and education initiatives.
- **\$10 billion** to enhance the Defense Production Act for the purchase, production, and distribution of medical supplies for COVID-19 activities, including vaccinations.
- **\$500 million** in emergency grants for rural health care to establish emergency pilot programs to achieve a multitude of health outcomes, including but not limited to vaccine distribution.





States can leverage federal funding from the American Rescue Plan to invest in vaccine distribution.

States have ample opportunity to utilize this funding to promote vaccine distribution. Some examples of steps states could take listed within the ARP include establishing or expanding community vaccination centers, creating mobile vaccination units, strengthening data collection and reporting, and improvements to public communication. Provisions related to Medicaid also offer states the opportunity to utilize federal fund matching to promote vaccine distribution.

The ARP requires Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment without beneficiary cost sharing. Under these provisions, states will receive [full federal funding](#) for vaccine administration for one year after the public health emergency ends. States considering Medicaid expansion may wish to take advantage of the federal matching funds in the ARP that is in addition to the increase in the CARES Act.

In addition, the ARP includes incentives for small businesses with less than 500 employees to encourage workers to receive the vaccine. According to the Internal Revenue Service, these employers can receive a [credit](#) for providing paid time off for employees receiving the vaccine and for any time needed to recover from potential side effects.



State leaders can learn how to successfully invest in vaccine distribution by looking to other states.

States have an opportunity to act creatively to ensure effective vaccine distribution methods paid for with funds from the ARP. Some states already have created innovative solutions to encourage more citizens to receive the vaccine. For example, Chicago officials are planning [vaccination sites](#) that meet people where they are - festivals, block parties, barber shops, and even hair and nail salons. Ohio's "[Vax-a-Million](#)" lottery will provide \$1 million to five lucky vaccinated adults, and since the Governor's announcement, the state has seen a 6% increase in vaccinations for adults ages 30-74. States also may consider methods that improve access to information and scheduling. For example, West Virginia has a centralized vaccine scheduling system that is available both online and by phone. Additionally, vaccine clinics are available in all of the state's 55 counties.

Additional Resources:

Read the full text of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Read CSG's research brief on vaccine dissemination by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Read the White House Fact Sheet on the \$10 Billion Investment to Expand Access to COVID-19 Vaccines and Build Vaccine Confidence in Hardest-Hit and Highest-Risk Communities by [CLICKING HERE](#).

States interested in learning more about the intersection between Medicaid and vaccine coverage may wish to consult [THIS GUIDE](#) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or [THIS ARTICLE](#) from the Commonwealth Fund.



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COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States

State, Territory, or Federal Entity	Total Doses Delivered	Doses Delivered per 100K	Total Doses Administered	Doses Administered per 100k	Population Fully Vaccinated	Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated
ALABAMA	4,389,040	89,514	2,905,553	59,258	1,362,380	27.8%
ALASKA	794,195	108,564	587,995	80,377	277,461	37.9%
ARIZONA	7,469,565	102,622	5,635,242	77,421	2,457,180	33.8%
ARKANSAS	2,720,190	90,138	1,973,505	65,395	886,519	29.4%
CALIFORNIA	44,976,950	113,830	35,518,035	89,891	15,391,309	39.0%
COLORADO	6,477,190	112,476	5,209,739	90,467	2,393,650	41.6%
CONNECTICUT	4,282,495	120,116	3,753,824	105,288	1,745,551	49.0%
DELAWARE	1,122,975	115,323	870,394	89,384	385,329	39.6%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	968,865	137,282	729,556	103,373	289,882	41.1%
FLORIDA	22,612,025	105,281	17,502,836	81,493	7,708,335	35.9%
GEORGIA	10,223,635	96,291	7,120,836	67,067	3,133,560	29.5%
HAWAII	1,691,760	119,485	1,482,502	104,706	625,841	44.2%
IDAHO	1,543,915	86,394	1,183,228	66,211	553,850	31.0%
ILLINOIS	13,306,375	105,008	10,807,457	85,287	4,676,621	36.9%
INDIANA	6,051,890	89,894	4,778,503	70,980	2,203,604	32.7%
IOWA	3,135,395	99,376	2,690,038	85,261	1,294,912	41.0%
KANSAS	2,894,765	99,363	2,217,195	76,106	1,064,359	36.5%
KENTUCKY	4,174,555	93,439	3,448,823	77,195	1,624,639	36.4%
LOUISIANA	3,798,220	81,703	2,949,415	63,445	1,383,370	29.8%
MAINE	1,645,830	122,438	1,373,335	102,167	669,080	49.8%
MARYLAND	7,247,020	119,871	5,616,811	92,906	2,592,361	42.9%
MASSACHUSETTS	8,651,950	125,527	7,372,714	106,967	3,259,602	47.3%
MICHIGAN	10,577,110	105,910	8,137,664	81,484	3,892,532	39.0%
MINNESOTA	5,879,800	104,259	5,025,463	89,110	2,370,898	42.0%
MISSISSIPPI	2,539,975	85,344	1,708,451	57,405	778,532	26.2%
MISSOURI	5,675,825	92,479	4,460,584	72,678	2,005,281	32.7%
MONTANA	1,049,545	98,200	828,344	77,504	389,396	36.4%
NEBRASKA	1,947,700	100,687	1,614,694	83,472	773,286	40.0%
NEVADA	2,752,080	89,349	2,349,915	76,292	1,049,676	34.1%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,524,585	112,126	1,217,534	89,544	485,455	35.7%
NEW JERSEY	10,192,505	114,752	8,431,873	94,930	3,965,605	44.6%
NEW MEXICO	2,178,715	103,905	2,022,852	96,472	936,258	44.7%
NEW YORK	21,227,485	109,119	18,093,878	93,011	8,370,512	43.0%
NORTH CAROLINA	10,886,100	103,795	7,782,069	74,199	3,592,831	34.3%

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NORTH DAKOTA	670,640	88,003	593,472	77,877	268,635	35.3%
OHIO	11,344,735	97,054	9,357,282	80,051	4,436,209	38.0%
OKLAHOMA	3,862,965	97,624	2,858,862	72,249	1,284,957	32.5%
OREGON	4,723,175	111,984	3,683,177	87,326	1,670,204	39.6%
PENNSYLVANIA	14,166,565	110,659	11,675,948	91,204	5,071,114	39.6%
RHODE ISLAND	1,359,095	128,294	1,083,323	102,262	505,752	47.7%
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,855,305	94,301	3,589,981	69,726	1,641,574	31.9%
SOUTH DAKOTA	922,975	104,331	751,812	84,983	364,162	41.2%
TENNESSEE	5,828,160	85,342	4,602,551	67,395	2,048,916	30.0%
TEXAS	28,735,365	99,102	21,430,921	73,910	9,505,017	32.8%
UTAH	2,934,050	91,519	2,440,835	76,134	962,040	30.0%
VERMONT	819,950	131,405	689,046	110,426	299,815	48.0%
VIRGINIA	9,257,095	108,454	7,698,417	90,193	3,483,545	40.8%
WASHINGTON	8,380,210	110,050	6,910,257	90,747	3,112,485	40.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	1,754,185	97,882	1,256,430	70,108	589,709	32.9%
WISCONSIN	5,696,535	97,838	5,185,178	89,055	2,438,063	41.9%
WYOMING	495,435	85,603	381,070	65,843	176,951	30.6%
AMERICAN SAMOA	54,030	97,021	40,525	72,770	18,182	32.6%
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	77,800	75,065	38,461	37,109	16,607	16.0%
GUAM	173,470	104,646	145,756	87,928	64,846	39.1%
MARSHALL ISLANDS	51,300	87,823	29,328	50,208	13,547	23.2%
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	72,330	127,158	45,237	79,528	21,069	37.0%
PUERTO RICO	3,733,410	116,899	2,370,464	74,223	1,010,147	31.6%
REPUBLIC OF PALAU	24,600	137,376	21,024	117,407	9,530	53.2%
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	68,920	65,839	67,936	64,899	29,516	28.2%
BUREAU OF PRISONS	177,850	--	171,089	--	78,773	--
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	4,213,680	--	3,329,620	--	1,367,194	--
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE	1,702,335	81,732	1,321,131	63,430	591,243	28.4%
VETERANS HEALTH	6,239,605	--	5,152,644	--	2,539,738	--