

## Discover & Deliver: Turbocharging America's Vaccine Efforts with a New Administration

### COVID-19 CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE UNITED STATES



Ahead of the inauguration on Wednesday, [President-elect Biden announced](#) the new administration's vaccine distribution plans, which include an ambitious goal: Administer 100 million doses of the vaccine during the first 100 days of Biden's presidency.

Given the challenges of rolling out COVID-19 vaccine to date, it is worth examining what the Biden administration's five-point plan entails:

- **Vaccine eligibility:** While the initial vaccine distribution focused on healthcare personnel and those in long-term care facilities, the incoming administration recommends that all states now offer vaccines for people 65 and older and front-line workers, including first responders, teachers, and grocery store employees.
- **Federal coordination of vaccination sites:** State health officials have bemoaned the fact that vaccine distribution to date has lacked a federal strategy, leaving the burden of the distribution falling upon overworked state health officials. President-elect Biden committed to working with federal, state, and local officials to create thousands of community vaccination centers and mobile health units to reach underserved areas. President-elect Biden's commitment to a federal strategy for distribution will be backed with federal funding, to the tune of \$20 billion.
- **Pharmacy distribution:** To date, [only 3.2% of Americans](#) have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. To increase the speed of vaccinations, the incoming

administration plans to make the vaccine available at both independent and chain pharmacies.

- **Bolster supply:** As coronavirus cases continue to rise across the country, the President-elect plans to release the remaining stock of doses to the states. However, they will encourage states to follow FDA guidelines on dosing, with second shots to be given within 21 and 28 days for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, respectively.
- **Increase transparency:** The President-elect committed to increasing transparency about the vaccine distribution process. He acknowledged: “This will be one of the most challenging operational efforts ever undertaken by our country. But you have my word that we will [manage the hell out](#) of this operation.”

The Chamber has long acknowledged that we can only get back to work if we first get back to health, and [turbocharging our vaccination efforts](#) will be key to getting us here.

—Kelly Anderson, Senior Director, Health and Drug Policy, Global Innovation Policy Center