

# Agency of Commerce & Department of Health Webinar Series

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# OVERVIEW AND UPDATE OF STATE'S VACCINATION POLICY

# COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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OVERVIEW OF STRATEGY

## “Age Banding”

- Vermont has worked hard to take a data-driven approach in our vaccination delivery strategy.
- Our primary strategy with vaccinations is to prevent deaths among Vermonters and we are honing our strategy to prioritize saving lives, and ensure the next phases are easy to implement, communicate, and understand.
- **Based on data and our goal to prevent deaths – Vermont is taking an approach in delivery that is based on age group and chronic conditions.**

# COVID-19 Vaccination Update

## Demographics by Age-bands



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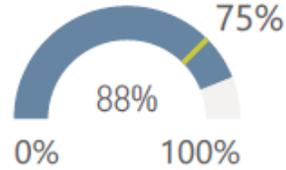
## VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

- We learned this week that Vermont will receive a slight increase in vaccine allocation for the next 3 weeks – 10,875/weekly for the whole state.
- As of 2/1: 55,000 Vermonters have been vaccinated (35,000 have received first dose; 19,500 have received second dose)
- As of 2/2: Approximately 9.8% of Vermont residents age 16 and over have received at least one dose of the vaccine.
- As of 2/2: 34,000 Vermonters have registered to receive the vaccine under the latest “Phase 2” plan, which includes all Vermonters age 75+

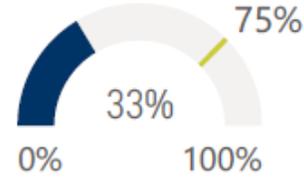
Vermonters who are 75+ can sign up for a vaccine appointment here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccines-vermont>

## People Reported Immunized through 2/2/2021

Phase 1A (% with at least one dose of the vaccine)



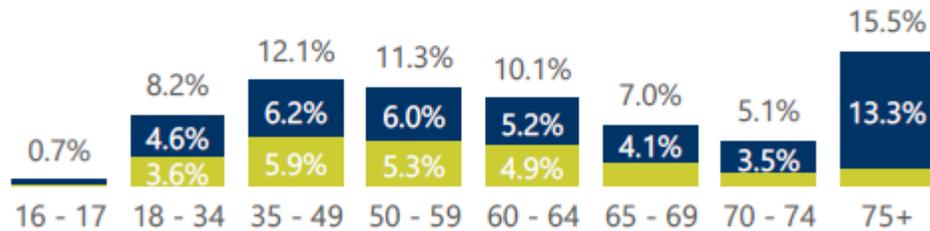
Phase 1A (% completed vaccination)



Phase 1A progress is derived from an estimate of the number of individuals in the priority populations targeted for Phase 1A

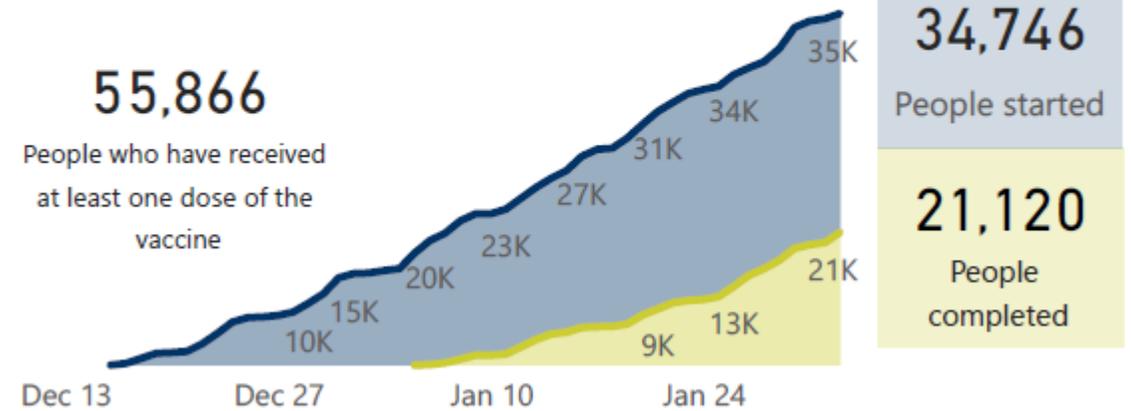
## By Age

● Completed ● Started



## Total People Vaccinated

● Completed ● Started



## The [SBA Vermont District Office](#) hosts free webinars:

### Paycheck Protection Program 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw:

**9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays** about the Paycheck Protection Program First Draw and Second Draw options. *(What is a PPP loan, terms, eligibility, and the application process. What is the difference between them? What has changed with the Economic Aid Act?)*

To access the webinar on Teams [click here](#)

To access the webinar by phone:

Call: 202-765-1264

Code: 142 718 62#

### PPP Forgiveness Webinar

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays**

Topics include criteria, the process, changes and more.

To access the webinar on Teams: [click here.](#)

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# SBA Webinars and Resources for PPP

# Paycheck Protection Program Resources

## PPP GUIDANCE RESOURCES

- “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act,” <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Paycheck-Protection-Program-as-Amended-by-Economic-Aid-Act.pdf>
- “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Loans,” which establishes guidelines for new PPP loans to businesses that previously received a PPP loan. <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Second-Draw-Loans.pdf>
- “Guidance on Accessing Capital for Minority, Underserved, Veteran and Women-Owned Business Concerns,” <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/202101/Guidance%20on%20Accessing%20Capital%20for%20Minority%20Underserved%20Veteran%20and%20Women%20Owned%20Business%20Concerns%20.pdf>
- **Affiliation Rules** applicable to U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program. <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/Affiliation%20rules%20overview%20%28for%20public%29%20v2.pdf>

# ACCD Legislative Priorities

The largest economic development general fund spending package (\$100M+)

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## Recovery

- Gap Economic Recovery Grants
- Everyone Eats Program
- Dedicated Tourism and Marketing Fund
- Buy Local Consumer Stimulus Program

## Reemployment

- Unemployment Insurance Relief
- Vermont Relocated Worker Grant Program
- Vermont Jobs Campaign

## Reinvestment

- Place-Based Tax Increment Financing
- Vermont Housing Incentive Partnership
- Modernize and Improve Act 250
- Community and Downtown Investments

# ACCD Legislative Timeline

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- **\$10M “Gap Recovery Grant Program”**
  - ACCD Leadership team is in House Commerce this week discussing the details of a new \$10M grant program intended for businesses who have not been able to receive federal or state aid up to this point. This includes:
    - “Very new” and “new” businesses who formed after February 2020 and did not have 2019 revenue comparisons that would have made them eligible for previous grants or PPP. This includes newly formed businesses AND businesses that were purchased or “changed hands” in 2020 that don't have 2019 revenue.
    - Businesses who suffered revenue losses of less than 25% (PPP second draw qualifier) and who will be unable to access PPP or EIDL.
  - Details of the new program are still forthcoming – but the Agency is hopeful that the bill will move quickly (before budget) through both bodies so we can deploy the program.
  - We have heard from several businesses that are in desperate need of this financial life-line. If you have been unable to access state or federal funds, please email: [Jessica.Vintinner@Vermont.gov](mailto:Jessica.Vintinner@Vermont.gov)

# FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT

FFCRA Paid Sick Leave required covered employers to provide 80 hours of paid sick leave for COVID-19 related reasons, plus an additional 10 weeks of paid family and medical leave at 2/3 pay for employees needing to care for a child due to a school or child care provider closure.

**These requirements expired on December 31, 2020.**

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021), **did not extend the requirement that employers make paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave available to employees.**
- However, it did extend the tax credit available to employers for payments made to employees as paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave through March 31, 2021.

Thus, **employers may voluntarily elect to provide paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave to employees and will receive tax credits for doing so through March 31, 2021.** There is no legal requirement that they do so.

Any paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave taken by employees up to December 31, 2020 must still be paid by employers despite the expiration of the FFCRA.