

## What are the vaccination strategies for vulnerable populations?

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### Key Findings:

Vulnerable populations such as those experiencing homelessness are 20 times more likely to be hospitalised due to COVID-19, 10 times more likely to require intensive care for COVID-19 and 5 times more likely to die within 21 days of a positive test for COVID-19

Many organizations advocate for socially vulnerable populations to be considered priority populations due to their often complex health needs and inability to fully execute best practices for infection prevention and control

Past experiences from Hepatitis vaccination (requiring 3 injections) and H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccination indicate that partnering with community organizations to provide vaccinations in shelters, community centers and other frequently accessed places along with education and access to known, trusted healthcare providers greatly increase the uptake of vaccination among socially vulnerable populations

Beyond sheltered populations experiencing homelessness, considerations for equitable vaccination programs for the general population should include plans for accessibility for all, including underserved geographic regions

**Category:** Healthcare Services  
Infection Prevention and Control

**Subject:** Health Planning  
Vulnerable Populations  
Vaccination

**Population:** All  
Neonates  
Infants  
All Pediatrics  
All adults  
Aged (80+)  
Homeless  
Mental Health patients  
Indigenous Peoples  
Other  
vulnerable populations

**Clinical Setting:** Community

Public Health

**Priority Level:** Level 2 One week (7 days)

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