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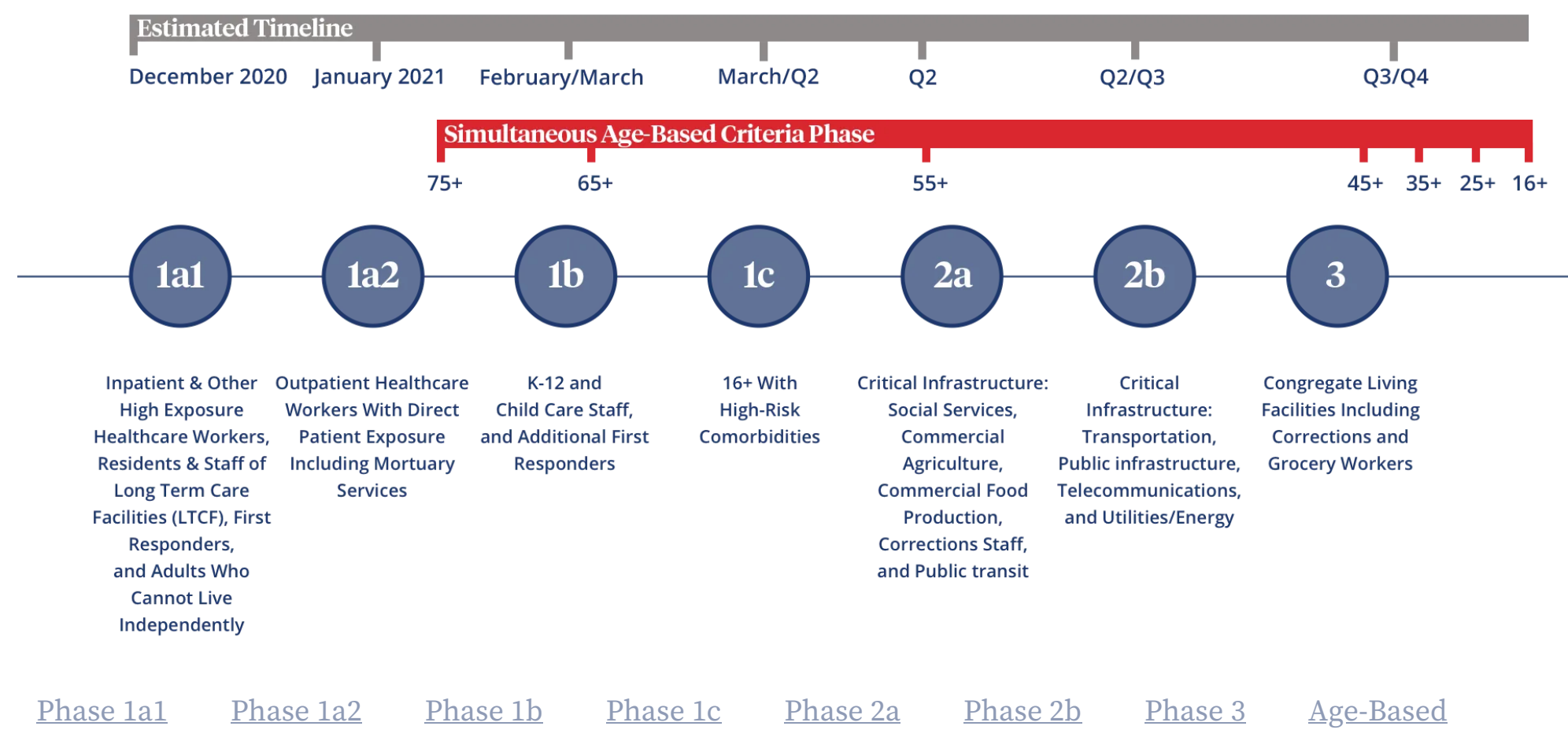
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COVID-19 Vaccine Phases

While the vaccine supply is limited, it is necessary to prioritize who gets the vaccine, with people who are at highest risk of getting the virus or becoming seriously ill receiving the vaccine first.

Vaccines are available in all 95 counties and administered based upon individual risk and the phases outlined below. Phases will vary by county based on vaccine supply and uptake.

Additional information regarding the vaccines can be found [here](#). Tennesseans are encouraged to discuss with their doctor if the vaccine is right for them.



Phase 1a1

Est. Tennesseans = 450,000

Frontline Healthcare Workers and Dependent Disabled Adults

- Hospital/free-standing emergency department staff with direct patient exposure and/or exposure to potentially infectious materials
- Home health care staff
- COVID-19 mass testing site staff
- Student health providers
- Staff and Residents of LTCF
- Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living centers, homes for the aged, DIDD residential centers, group homes
- First responders with direct public exposure
- Individuals 18 years or older who cannot live independently due to a serious chronic medical condition or intellectual or developmental disability



Phase 1a2

Est. Tennesseans = 200,000

Outpatient Healthcare Workers with Direct Patient Exposure

- Primary care providers and staff
- Outpatient specialty providers and staff working with acute patients
- Environmental services
- Oral health providers
- Behavioral health providers

- Pharmacists and staff
- Patient transport
- Outpatient therapists
- Urgent visit center providers and staff
- Outpatient laboratory staff working with COVID-19 specimens
- Funeral/mortuary workers with direct decedent contact



Phase 1b

Est. Tennesseans = 200,000

K-12, Child Care and Other First Responders

- K-12, child care teachers and staff
- Other first responders



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Phase 1c

Est. Tennesseans = 650,000

Tennesseans 16 Years Old or Older with High-Risk Health Conditions

- Current cancer treatment
- Chronic renal disease
- COPD, pulmonary fibrosis, Cystic Fibrosis, moderate-severe asthma
- Obesity (BMI >30)
- Heart failure, CAD, cardiomyopathies, hypertension
- Sickle cell or thalassemia
- Diabetes
- Cerebrovascular disease or stroke
- Immunocompromised (HIV, taking chronic steroids or immunomodulators, history of solid organ, blood or bone marrow transplant)
- Dementia
- Liver disease



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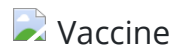
Phase 2a

Est. Tennesseans = 200,000 in Phases 2a and 2b

Tennesseans Employed in the Following Critical Infrastructure Industries

- Social Services (DCS)
- Commercial agriculture

- Commercial food production
- Corrections staff
- Public transit



Phase 2b

Est. Tennesseans = 200,000 in Phases 2a and 2b

Tennesseans Employed in the Following Critical Infrastructure Industries

- Transportation (including postal workers)
- Public infrastructure
- Telecommunications
- Utilities/Energy



Phase 3

Est. Tennesseans = 400,000

Tennesseans in Other High-Risk Settings

- Individuals in congregate living facilities
- Grocery workers
- Corrections



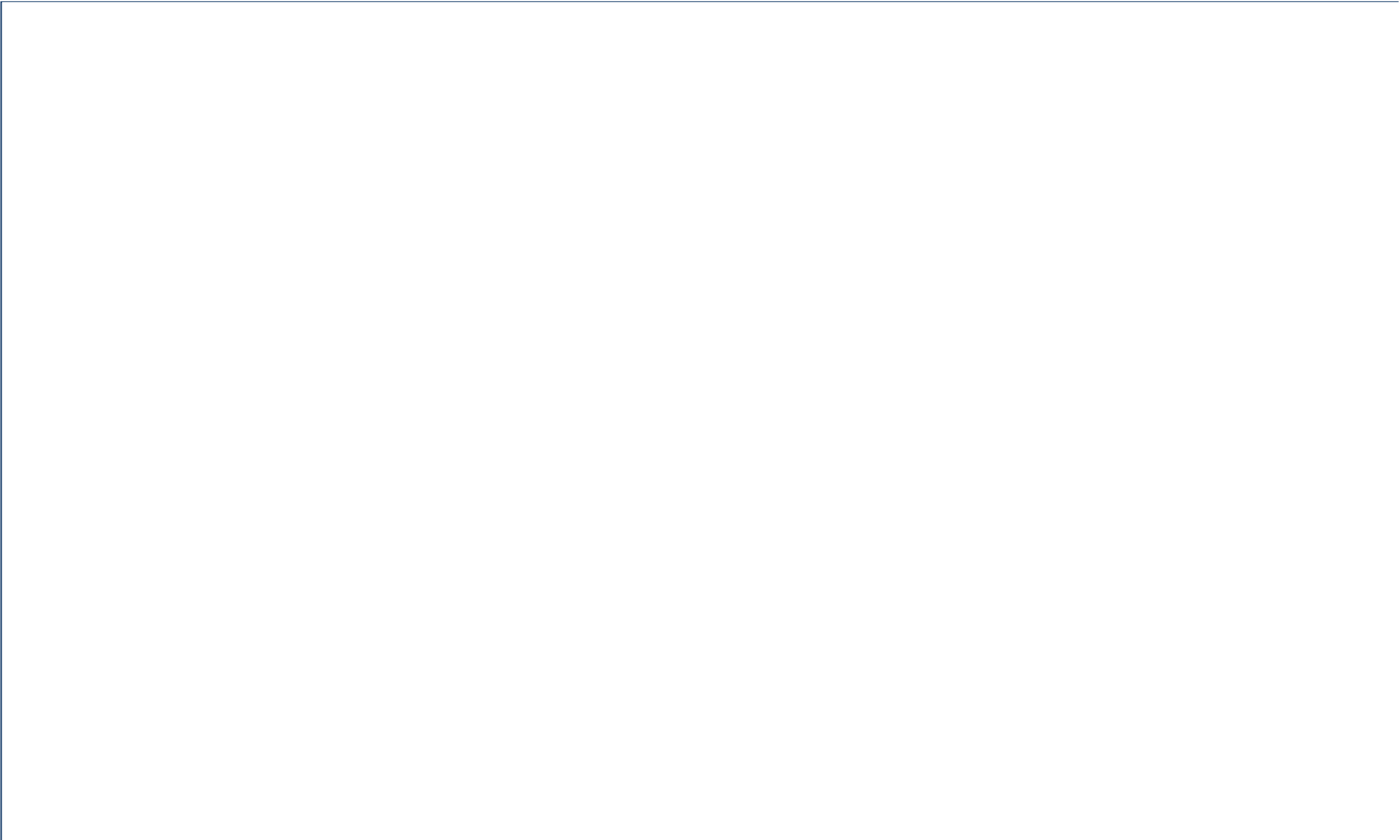
Age-Based Phases

Est. Tennesseans = Varies By Age

In addition to the phases prioritized by infrastructure and high-risk health conditions, Tennesseans are eligible for vaccines based solely on their age. These age-based phases will run simultaneously with phases prioritized by infrastructure and high-risk health conditions. Phases are determined by supply and uptake in each county.

Age Group	Est. Pop.
75 years or older	448k

Age Group	Est. Pop.
65 years or older	1.1M
55 years or older	2M
45 years or older	2.9M
35 years or older	3.7M
25 years or older	4.7M
16 years or older	5.4M



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COVID-19 Vaccine Questions

It is natural to have questions about the rollout of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. This page answers some frequently asked questions about the vaccines.

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