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# COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

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# Agenda

- Landscape for COVID-19 Vaccine
- Critical Populations for COVID-19 Vaccine Planning
- Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel
- Phased Approach Overview and Timelines
- Provider Registration
- Provider Requirements
- Distribution and Allocation Process
- Role of Hospitals/THA

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# Operation Warp Speed

Manufacturer	Platform	Dose	Timing	Storage/Handling
<b>Moderna<sup>1</sup></b>	mRNA	2	0, 28 days	-20°C ~ 7 days at 2°C - 8°C
<b>Oxford/AstraZeneca<sup>1*</sup></b>	Non-replicating Viral Vector	2	4 weeks apart	2°C - 8°C
<b>Janssen/Johnson &amp; Johnson<sup>1</sup></b>	Non-replicating Viral Vector	1	N/A	-20°C ~ 3 months at 2°C - 8°C
<b>Novavax</b>	Recombinant Protein Subunit	2	0, 21 days	2°C - 8°C
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech<sup>1</sup></b>	mRNA	2	0, 22 days	-70°C ~ 24 hours at 2°C - 8°C
<b>Sanofi/GSK</b>	Recombinant Protein Subunit	2	0, 21 days <sup>2</sup>	2°C - 8°C

1. Phase 3    1\*: On hold in the US, resumed in UK//Brazil    2. Phase 1/2: Final dose/interval still in development

# Evolving Landscape for COVID-19 Vaccine

## Key Assumptions for COVID-19 Vaccine



**Limited doses** may be available by early November 2020, but **supply will increase substantially** in 2021



Initial supply will either be **approved as a licensed vaccine** or **authorized for use under an EUA** issued by the FDA



**Cold chain storage** and handling requirements are likely to vary from **refrigerated** to **ultra-cold frozen**



**Two doses**, separated by  $\geq 21$  or 28 days, will be **needed for immunity** for most COVID-19 vaccines

# CDC Priority Populations for COVID-19 Vaccine

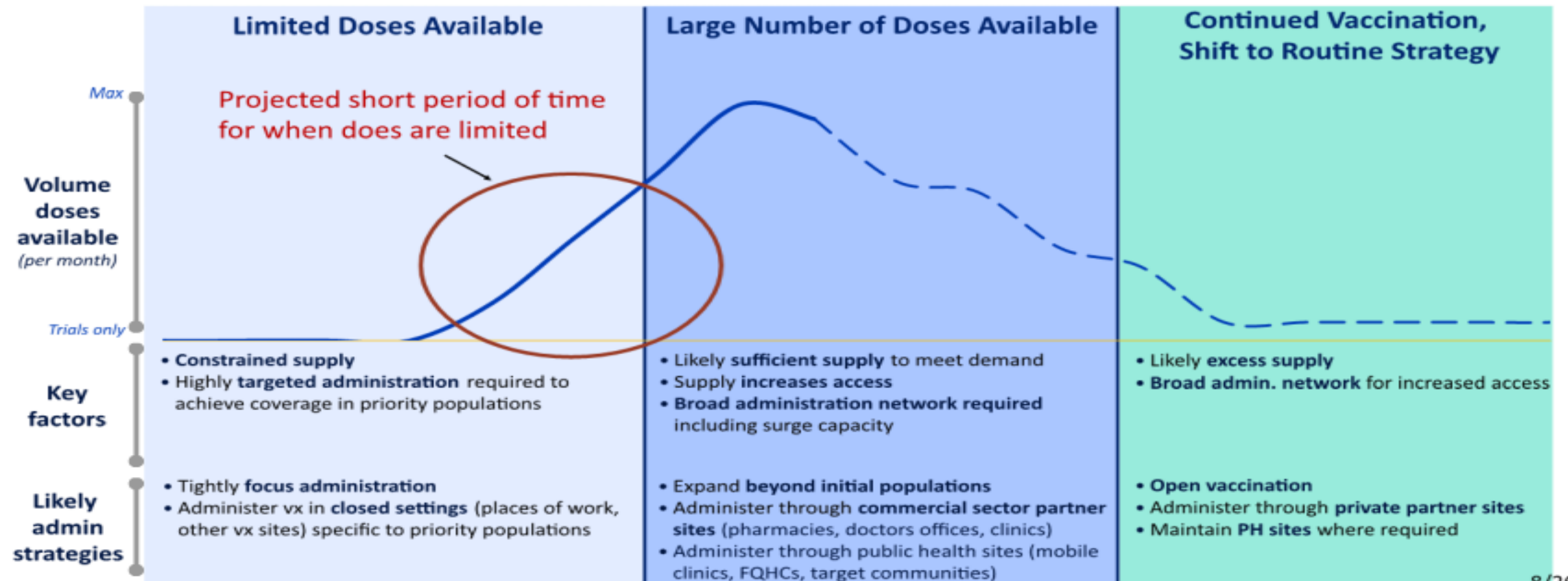
<b>Critical infrastructure/ Essential workers</b>	<b>People living in group settings</b>	<b>People at high risk for severe illness or COVID-19 impact</b>	<b>People with limited access to vaccination services</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthcare workers (ex: frontline or inpatient hospital, long-term care or direct care to people at high risk, EMS, pharmacy, public health)</li> <li>Critical Infrastructure (ex: public safety, fire, education, food and agriculture)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who are incarcerated or detained</li> <li>Multigenerational households</li> <li>State-supported living centers or state hospitals</li> <li>People experiencing homelessness or living in shelters</li> <li>Colleges and universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursing home, long-term care residents</li> <li>≥65 years old</li> <li>High-risk medical conditions</li> <li>People who are disproportionately affected because of race, ethnicity or tribal affiliation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural or medically underserved communities</li> <li>People with disabilities that make it difficult for them to access healthcare</li> <li>Adults who are uninsured or under-insured</li> </ul>

*Recommendations for prioritization of these populations for early vaccination are still in development.*

# New Phases and Timeframe of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

*Draft – for planning purposes only and subject to change*

## Administration of COVID-19 vaccine will require a phased approach





# Prioritization and Public Input

## Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel

- Made of external and internal subject matter experts
- Make recommendations to the Commissioner
  - Establish prioritization of critical populations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 distribution
  - Weekly review of the data to guide allocation recommendations

## Public hearing (mid-October)

Request public comment at a formal meeting of the Infectious Disease Task Force

- Proposed critical populations and
- Guiding principles allocation/distribution

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## Welcome to the Texas DSHS Immunization Program Portal

Here health care providers and pharmacies may register to be considered to receive COVID-19 vaccine.

**Pandemic Vaccine Provider Registration**  
**COVID-19**  
[Click to Register](#)

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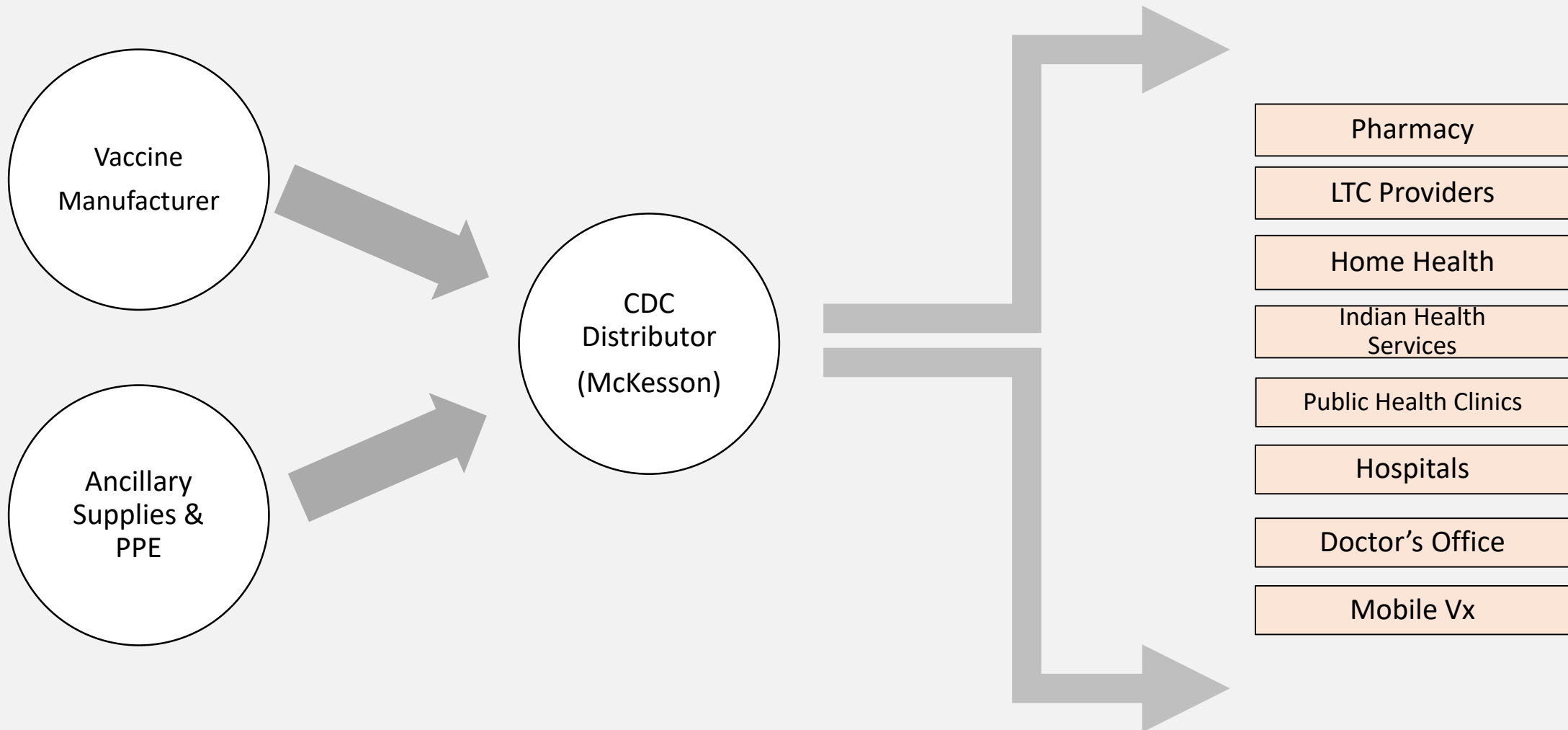
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# CDC Requirements for COVID-19 Vaccination Providers

- Must have an active NPI/TPI number
- Must follow ACIP requirements and recommendations
- Must comply CDC requirements for COVID-19 vaccine management and maintain adequate storage capacities to maintain integrity of the vaccine cold-chain requirements
- Must report dose usage within 24 hours to the state immunization registry, ImmTrac2.
- Must report of all doses received including those administered, lost, wasted, etc.
- Must report any adverse event related to receiving the vaccine.

# Supply Chain/Distribution Methodology



# How Hospitals and THA Can Help

- Enroll as providers
  - Hospitals have prioritized populations and infrastructure
- Help get CDC survey to hospitals
  - How to distribute and ensure timely and complete feedback?
- Assist with identification of facilities that might be willing to act as depot stations of ultracold vaccine



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