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Registration Available for the State's First 24/7 COVID-19 Vaccination Site At State Farm Stadium

State, Partners Expanding Availability With More Arizonans Prioritized For Vaccine Today

PHOENIX – **Registration is open beginning at 9 a.m. for the state's first 24/7 COVID-19 vaccination site at State Farm Stadium in Glendale**, with the first appointments available beginning Tuesday, Jan. 12, for health care workers, first responders, teachers, law enforcement officers, Arizonans over age 75 and others at the top of the priority list for vaccine distribution. The launch of the new state location comes as Arizona's largest county moves into priority groups in Phase 1B — opening up vaccine access to a substantially larger group of Arizonans. Registration is available for the vaccination site at State Farm Stadium and several other sites throughout the state at <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>.

"After the initial soft launch of this site, we will have the capability to immunize thousands of Arizonans around the clock, 7 days a week," said Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services. "It will help meet the growing demand for COVID-19 vaccine in Arizona as we move into our priority Phase 1B and beyond. This tremendous step forward in our vaccination effort wouldn't be possible without our partners, including the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation, the Arizona Cardinals, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Arizona State University, Walgreens, the City of Glendale, and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs."

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has established the site in part thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation and with support from the Arizona Cardinals, Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona, and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. The site will serve individuals in both Phase 1A and Phase 1B.

Maricopa County, the largest in Arizona, have advanced to making vaccine available to the priority groups in Phase 1B. Phase 1A prioritizes frontline healthcare workers and residents and staff at skilled nursing facilities, and those individuals retain their priority in subsequent phases of vaccine distribution. Those currently eligible for vaccination in prioritized phase 1B include education and childcare professionals and support staff, law enforcement officers, individuals working in other protective services occupations, and those 75 years and older. Other essential workers will become eligible as more vaccine becomes available and the counties move fully into phase 1B.

Again, registration is available beginning at 9 a.m. for the vaccination site at State Farm Stadium and several other sites throughout the state at <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>. Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at azhealth.gov/findvaccine. Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201, staffed through support from the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, the Banner Health Poison and Drug Information Center, and Crisis Response Network's 211 Arizona program.

In addition, individuals creating an account on podvaccine.azdhs.gov/ can schedule an appointment on behalf of relatives or dependents through that account, which is recommended for those with older family members or family without access to a computer. Those scheduled for vaccination will need to show identification upon arrival to the vaccination site demonstrating they qualify for phases 1A or priority1B.

The State Farm Stadium site opens this afternoon for select law enforcement and other protective service workers, with broad appointment availability beginning Tuesday.

The State Farm Stadium vaccination site complements the ongoing efforts of counties by adding another location in the Phoenix metropolitan area. With Maricopa County having moved to Phase 1B, those prioritized for vaccine will be able to register for appointments at the State Farm Stadium vaccination site as well as other county sites listed at azhealth.gov/findvaccine, which lists each county's phase and has local links to register for vaccination.

The state has more than 160 vaccination sites, and that number is expanding steadily as the federal government makes more vaccine doses available to the state. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program has conducted vaccination visits at nearly 80 skilled nursing facilities with dozens more scheduled through the end of the month.

More than 300 volunteers with Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona will provide 24/7 staffing, while the Arizona Cardinals have provided the facility, tents, technical assistance, and other critical support. ADHS has contracted with Walgreens to provide pharmacy support and ASU to provide logistical support and additional staffing, supplies, and resources.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination, please visit azhealth.gov/COVID19vaccine. For more information about how to schedule an appointment through <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>, including how to schedule an appointment for a family member, please visit azhealth.gov/patientportalguide.