

*Prompt:* How must we balance efficiency and equity in vaccine distribution?

*Background:* As vaccine distribution ramps up nationwide, it is crucial that equitable distribution is not sacrificed for speed. The most efficient means of distribution would be one in which more privileged people would have first access. Marginalized communities, many of which have been hit at disparaging rates by COVID-19, have had more limited access to the vaccine. As vaccine distribution policies are currently being written, it is important to recognize how they underscore inequalities in our healthcare system. While you skim the following resources and discuss the question at hand, consider the following:

*Who gets priority in receiving the vaccine?*

*If the pandemic is hitting certain communities harder, how can they be adequately supplied with vaccine doses?*

*What's the best way to balance the needs of different groups within society?*

*How do we combat the inequalities that define much of the healthcare system nationwide?*

Resources:

[Balancing Speed With Equity: Connecticut's Messy Vaccine Math](#)

[Building equity into vaccine distribution](#)

[The fallacy of the equity-efficiency trade-off: rethinking the efficient health system](#)