



COVID-19

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COVID-19 Vaccines for Teachers, School Staff, and Childcare Workers

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Teachers, School Staff, and Childcare Workers: How to Get Vaccinated




Protect

Against

COVID-19.

A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.

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On March 2nd, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued [a directive](#)  [that all states immediately make eligible teachers, school staff, and childcare workers for COVID-19 vaccination across all vaccination providers.](#)


Additionally, pharmacy locations that are part of [CDC's Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) are now giving priority to school staff and child care workers for COVID-19 vaccination during the month of March. In addition to existing state and local COVID-19 vaccination sites, teachers and staff in pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 (pre-K-12 schools) and childcare workers will be able to sign up for an appointment at more than 9,000 participating pharmacy locations nationwide.

Who can get vaccinated?

- Teachers and staff in
 - Pre K-12 schools
 - Childcare centers
 - Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers
- Classroom aides
- Bus drivers
- Janitors
- Counselors
- Administration staff
- Cafeteria workers
- Substitute teachers

How do I schedule a vaccine appointment?

Teachers, school staff, and childcare workers who are interested in getting vaccinated should

- Visit the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) website to see which pharmacies are participating in your state. Most pharmacy partners are using online scheduling systems to schedule vaccination appointments for those eligible based on their limited vaccine supply. Check your local pharmacy's website to sign up.
- Visit [VaccineFinder.org](#)  to find out where vaccine is available in your community.
- Contact your [state health department's](#) website to find additional providers in your area.

VaccineFinder



Learn about COVID-19 vaccines in your area. Each state has its own plan for [who should get vaccinated first](#).
Check with your local health departments.

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How Do I Get a Vaccine?

CDC makes recommendations for [who should get the vaccine first](#), then each state makes its own plan.

Choose your state or territory below to find your health department:

Select State / Territory ▾

Visit [CDC's Schools and Child Care Programs page](#) for more information on school reopening and strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Common questions:

[Will I be required to get vaccinated for work?](#)

[Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?](#)

[Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?](#)

[Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others after I am vaccinated?](#)

[How can I report vaccine side effects?](#)

[Do I still need a vaccine if I already had COVID-19?](#)

[How many shots of COVID-19 vaccine will be needed?](#)

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