



COVID-19

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

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What Teachers, School Staff, and Childcare Workers Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines

Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic.

Tips for How to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine

If you have not been vaccinated against COVID-19, you can:

- Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) [↗](#) to find out where vaccines are available in your community.
- Look at your [state health department's](#) website to find additional vaccination providers in your area.

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine: Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

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

You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can.

- Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are [safe](#) and [effective](#).



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

www.cdc.gov

A COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

- Depending on the kind of [COVID-19 vaccine](#) you get, you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.

After getting vaccinated, some people have side effects. Common side effects include:

- Pain, redness or swelling where you get your shot
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19. Learn more about possible side effects and [what to expect after getting your COVID-19 vaccination](#).

After you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you can start doing some things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do [when you have been fully vaccinated](#).

You will not need to pay for a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination providers **cannot**:

- Require identification
- Require payment for the vaccine.
- Require payment for any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance.
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or is out of network.
- Require a payment for an office visit or other fee to you if the only service provided is a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Require additional services for you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. However, additional healthcare services can be provided at the same time and billed as appropriate.

COVID-19 vaccination providers **can**:

- Seek appropriate reimbursement from your plan or program (such as private health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid) for a vaccine administration fee.
- However, providers cannot charge you the balance of the bill.

Scam Alert: If anyone asks you to pay for access to a COVID-19 vaccine, it is likely a scam. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to a vaccine for an extra fee.

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



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COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit for School Settings and Childcare Programs

Information and materials for school districts, administrators, teachers, school staff, and other education and childcare professionals, to help promote COVID-19 vaccination and address common questions and concerns.

Common Questions

- › [Will I be required to get vaccinated for work?](#)
- › [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?](#)
- › [What can my employer do to manage staff experiencing vaccine side effects?](#)

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