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

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How to Get Vaccinated

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 childcare 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.