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Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Vaccinations for K-12 and Childcare Workers

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccination for K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and childcare workers

On March 3, 2021, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and childcare workers will be eligible to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments starting March 11th. Please see below responses to common questions about this announcement. For more information about COVID-19 vaccination in Massachusetts, please visit [COVID-19 Vaccine | Mass.gov](#).

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Who is included in this group?

Anyone who is employed on a full or part-time basis by public or private pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and those who work as or for licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers. This includes all PK-12 and childcare staff, **including but not limited to direct employees and contractors in the following categories:**

- Educators
- Paraprofessionals/education support professionals
- Childcare educators
- Family childcare assistants
- Childcare program directors
- Childcare center directors
- District and school administrators
- Clerical and administrative staff
- Bus or van drivers
- Custodial staff
- Food service staff
- After-school program staff
- Student teachers, interns, teaching assistants, and aides
- School Safety Officers

It includes people who work full time, part time, in school volunteer roles, or who are employed by another organization to provide education or support in a school or childcare setting (e.g. early intervention providers, student mentors, tutors, arts programs, individuals responsible for educator observations or coaching, etc.).

This group does **not** include:

- Privately employed babysitters, nannies, and au pairs
- Informal friend, family and neighbor care
- Camp counselors
- Certified, licensed, or retired educators who are not currently employed as an educator.
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education staff, unless the individual is serving as an educator (e.g., educators at Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children).
- Department of Early Education and Care staff, unless the individual is employed as a licenser or investigator who is required to conduct on-site visits and inspections.

Where can I get vaccinated?

Eligible K-12 and childcare workers may begin scheduling appointments at CVS locations that offer vaccinations effective immediately. Beginning March 11, they will be able to schedule appointments at all 170 sites currently open to eligible residents in Massachusetts by visiting www.mass.gov/CovidVaccineMap.

Will there be special vaccination clinics for this group?

The COVID-19 Command Center will designate specific days at the seven mass vaccination sites for K-12 and childcare workers to get their shots. More details will be released soon.

How long will it take to get an appointment?

Vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited in Massachusetts. Therefore, it may take weeks for an appointment to become available.

Do I need to prove that I am eligible in this group?

You will need to confirm that you are eligible (called "attesting") by signing a form. The form will be available for you to sign either when booking an appointment online or when you arrive in-person at your appointment. No additional proof is needed, and you will not need to show identification from your place of employment. You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.

Where can I learn more about vaccine safety?

Visit [Trust the Facts. Get the Vax. | Mass.gov](#) to learn more about vaccine safety, how it was developed, and how it works.

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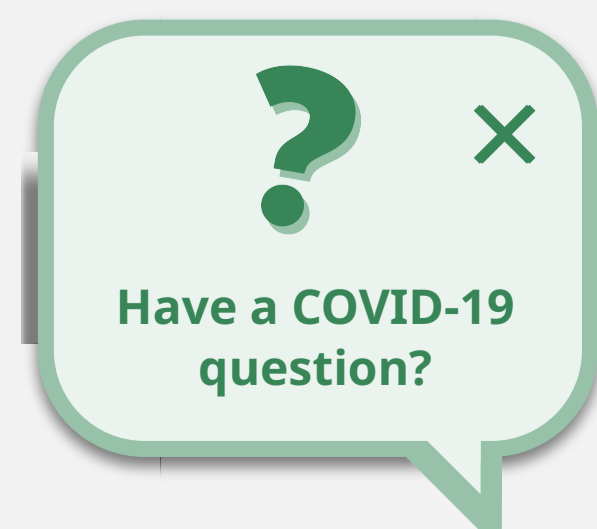
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