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TO: ALL CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Vaccines for the Child Care Sector**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 21-06-CCP announces information regarding how the child care sector can obtain the COVID-19 vaccine

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and California Department Public Health (CDPH) are working diligently with a variety of federal, state, and local partners, which includes local public health departments, community-based organizations, and other public or private immunizers, to facilitate an equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines for prioritized populations in California. **The child care sector is now eligible to receive vaccinations under “Phase 1B” of [California’s vaccine framework](#). The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no expense to you. You may schedule an appointment now by utilizing the information below.**

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section below, for more information on ways to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, vaccine safety and benefits and additional information.

Updated Child Care Information regarding COVID-19 will be posted on the [Child Care Licensing Program](#) homepage. CCLD regularly sends information to providers and stakeholders by way of PINs, Program Quarterly Update Newsletters, regional meetings, and more. Please [subscribe to be notified of new PINs here](#).

If you have specific COVID-19 questions, you may contact the CDSS CCLD COVID-19 General Question’s e-mail inbox at: CCLCOVID19INFO@dss.ca.gov.

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Question	Answer	Source Information Links
<p>1. What are the benefits of being vaccinated?</p>	<p>Vaccination helps protect us from the COVID-19 virus and the illnesses it causes. It also prevents the spread of COVID-19 to others.</p> <p>See links for factsheets and information regarding vaccine safety and benefits. For further questions regarding vaccine safety and benefits, please contact your local health department.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Disease Control (CDC) – Vaccine Safety • CDPH Vaccine Fact Sheet • CDC Vaccine Benefits • Local Health Department Information
<p>2. Is the Child Care sector eligible for the vaccination?</p>	<p>Yes, the Child Care sector is specifically named under California’s Phase 1B framework.</p> <p>Individuals may also qualify under other criteria (e.g. age)</p> <p>As of the date this PIN was issued, vaccines for COVID-19 are currently available for these populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare workers • Long-term care residents and skilled nursing facility residents • Individuals 65 and older • Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child care and Education ○ Emergency responders ○ Food and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California COVID-19 Vaccine Website Homepage • CDPH Vaccine Allocation Guidelines • California Department of Public Health Provider Bulletin

<p>3. How do members of the child care sector get a vaccine?</p>	<p>There are four ways to schedule an appointment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Your Health Care Provider.</i> You may contact your health care provider to see if they are offering vaccines. 2. <i>MyTurn.</i> MyTurn is a vaccine registration and notification site. If you're eligible and vaccine appointments are available through My Turn, you can schedule one. You visit online at myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255. This site is accessible to people with disabilities and the telephone lines offer services in 250 languages. You will be asked to state that you are a member of the child care workforce, to qualify for an appointment or notifications of available appointments. You may need to provide a form of verification at your appointment – See Question 9 below for more information. 3. <i>Your Local Health Departments.</i> Your local health department will continue to have information about how to find available appointments. 4. <i>Pharmacies.</i> CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens pharmacies offer limited appointments for COVID-19 vaccination in specific areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California "MyTurn" Vaccine Eligibility Website • How-to-get-vaccinated • Directory of Local Health Departments • CVS • Rite Aid • Walgreens
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<p>4. How do I verify that I am a member of the child care workforce when I go to my appointment?</p>	<p>You may need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A picture ID • Proof that you live or work in the county or city where you are getting vaccinated • Documentation to prove your employment in the child care sector <p>Documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the State of California license for your program; badge; pay stub; letter from your employer • Family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) providing subsidized care (license exempt): Copy of attendance sheet or invoice, payment record 	
<p>5. Do I need to be a California resident to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>No, vaccine distribution is based on eligibility irrespective of residency or immigration status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A Website
<p>6. Does the CA “MyTurn” Website collect my demographic information?</p>	<p>Yes, the website does request some demographic information, but is designed to protect your privacy. The information collected will only be used for medical purposes to facilitate your vaccination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California "MyTurn" Vaccine Eligibility Website or call (833) 422-4255
<p>7. What is the local health department’s role?</p>	<p>Local health departments may notify you when and where vaccinations are available in your area. Some local health departments also provide vaccination appointments, registration, and notification services. Check with your local public health department for more information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Public Health Resources and Updates

<p>8. What is my role as a licensee of a child care facility, administrator or director of a child care program, facility or setting?</p>	<p>Share information from this PIN and discuss this notice with staff and families. You may reference the California COVID-19 Vaccine Website Homepage for the most recent information.</p> <p>Discuss the information about how to find and schedule an appointment to receive a vaccine.</p> <p>Assist staff as needed with verification forms as needed</p> <p>Best Practice: Maintain records and document outcomes by making every reasonable effort to obtain and record the following information for yourself and your staff by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request a copy of the vaccination record • Date(s) vaccination was received • If staff declined to receive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California COVID-19 Vaccine Website
<p>9. Who will contact me about the availability of vaccine?</p>	<p>Local and state partners are working to quickly distribute vaccines based on the state’s framework. You could be contacted by your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, Child Care Provider United, or local public health department.</p> <p>Some of these organizations may offer you a code which allows you to quickly book an appointment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource and Referral County Listing • Child Care Provider United Listing • Local Public Health Listing
<p>10. Which members of the child care sector are being prioritized for the 10% set aside?</p>	<p>All child care workers are eligible to receive the vaccine. Those working in licensed family child care homes, licensed centers, and license exempt providers, currently receiving a subsidy, are being prioritized for the 10% set aside as part of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California COVID-19 Vaccine Website • Governor’s Office Press Release

	<p>California's Safe Schools for All Plan. Some individuals in these settings may receive a code to use on MyTurn from a provider union, local child care resource and referral agency, or local public health department.</p>	
<p>11. What happens if I do not get a code?</p>	<p>Codes will be distributed based on vaccine availability and not all child care providers will receive a code. You do not need a code to receive a vaccination. If you are not selected to receive a code, this does not impact your ability to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. (See Question 2 for more information)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California "MyTurn" Vaccine Eligibility Website
<p>12. What is the methodology used to ensure equitable distribution of codes?</p>	<p>California set aside 40 percent of vaccine doses for most impacted communities. Priority will be given to areas most disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Office Press Release
<p>13. Can providers who are temporarily closed receive a vaccination?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California "MyTurn" Vaccine Eligibility Website
<p>14. Are other staff working in a child care program or preschool eligible for the vaccine?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDPH Vaccine Allocation Guidelines