



# Connect to Your Vaccine: School Staff

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The **Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector** is a tool to help Minnesotans find out when, where and how to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

The Vaccine Connector is designed to gather information regarding individual eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination. This document outlines how school staff should fill out the Vaccine Connector form. By filling out the form, you are signing up to stay updated on vaccine opportunities in your area when they become available.

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## Who should use the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector?

All Minnesotans who work in schools should fill out the form to ensure they stay updated on vaccination opportunities in their area when they become available. **School staff who have already completed the [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine – Education and Child Care survey](#) do *not* need to complete the Vaccine Connector form or re-submit their information.**

**When completing the Vaccine Connector form, please note a few important things:**

- Staff who contract with schools, such as bus drivers, should indicate that they are school staff
- Staff who work in school-based child care or early learning settings should indicate that they are school staff
- Staff who work in Adult Basic Education and Community Education programs should indicate that they are school staff
- Substitute teachers and student teachers who are regularly working in-person with students should indicate that they are school staff

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## Where do I access the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector?

Access the Vaccine Connector by visiting [mn.gov/vaccineconnector](https://mn.gov/vaccineconnector)

## Who can get vaccinated now?

*Demand for vaccine far exceeds supply, and we encourage Minnesotans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead. Minnesota is continuing to distribute vaccines using a phased approach to immunize for impact by focusing on populations with the highest risk of getting COVID-19, as well as those most at risk of severe illness and complications if they become infected.*

In Minnesota, you are eligible now to get vaccinated if you are a:

- Minnesotan age 65 or older
- Health care worker
- Long-term care resident or staff member
- Prekindergarten through Adult Basic and Community Education school staff member, or contracted school staff member
- Child care staff member at a licensed and certified child care center or program

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## What happens after filling out the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector form?

As more vaccine becomes available, the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will send you updates about your COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Minnesota. School staff will hear from their local public health agency, employer, state-sponsored community vaccination site, or state vaccination partner about when and where they can get vaccinated. Workers who are immediately eligible can expect to receive information soon.

It's important to note that if you are eligible to get vaccinated right now, you do not have to wait for information from the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector before you get your shot. If your health care provider or employer contacts you about making an appointment, or if you have another opportunity to get vaccinated, you can and should do that. Minnesotans age 65 and older can find additional vaccine opportunities by using the [Vaccine Locator map](#), or by contacting their regular health care provider directly.

In the months ahead as vaccine supply increases, the Vaccine Connector will help Minnesotans know where vaccine is in the state, find out when they are eligible to get it, and connect them to a vaccine opportunity near them — no matter where they live or their personal circumstances. Before and after you are vaccinated, it's important to continue to take simple steps to slow the spread of illness by wearing a mask, staying 6 feet away from others, washing your hands, and staying home whenever possible

For more information, please visit <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

