



Connect to Your Vaccine: Child Care 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 child care workers 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.

Who should use the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector?

All Minnesotans who provide child care and care for children should fill out the form to ensure they stay updated on vaccination opportunities in their area when they become available. **If you already completed the [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine – Education and Child Care survey](#), you do not need to complete the Vaccine Connector form or re-submit your information.**

When completing the Vaccine Connector form, please take note of the categories of child care and select accordingly.

Do you work in child care or PK-12 education?

Select **Yes** – **Licensed/Certified Child Care** if you work as a provider or staff in these program settings:

Licensed or Certified Child Care Programs, including:

- Tribally licensed programs
- Licensed family child care providers (including substitutes and assistants)
- Licensed and certified child care centers
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs

License-exempt child care programs, including:

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- YMCA and YWCA child care programs
- Parks and Recreation programs
- Nonprofit, religious based, or other license-exempt child care programs

Select **Yes – PK12 Education**, then select **School Staff** in the follow-up question, if you work as a provider or staff in these program settings:

- School-based Licensed or Certified Child Care Programs
- School-based License-Exempt Child Care Programs

Select **Yes – Other Care of Children** if you work as a:

- Legally non-licensed child care or family, friend, and neighbor care providers
- Private child care such as nanny, au pair, or babysitter
- Licensor (including a state or county licensor) who provides oversight and support to child care, foster care, children’s residential facilities, and other child and youth programs
- Foster Care and Child Welfare worker, including:
 - Individuals receiving payment to provide foster care, and other adult household members, who are actively providing care for a child in their home
 - Child welfare case workers
- Youth program staff member in settings beyond school-age and certified child care, such as:
 - Youth enrichment programs
 - Youth community education classes
 - Youth art programs and camps
 - Non-profit youth programs
 - 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Homeless and runaway youth program and shelter staff member

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

Access the Vaccine Connector by visiting mn.gov/vaccineconnector

Minnesotans unable to sign up online can have family or friends help them sign up online, or call 833-431-2053 and 651-318-0989 for assistance signing up over the phone. Translation is available by phone in all languages.

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

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. Child care workers 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/>

