

COVID-19 Vaccination for Child Care

** This document has been updated to include specific role information from the Ohio Professional Registry and to clarify the FAQs.*

Governor Mike DeWine has announced that Child Care Professionals are included in Phase 1C of Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Vaccinations begin on March 4, 2021.

The vaccinations are limited to child care administrators, lead teachers and assistant teachers. In order to be vaccinated professionals must do the following:

1. Register at [Coronavirus Vaccine | Ohio Department of Health](#)
2. Print a certificate of eligibility from the [Ohio Professional Registry Page – OCCRRRA](#) (see attachment)
3. Present the certificate of eligibility to the vaccine location at time of vaccination

*Individuals who have any one of the following roles in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) can access their certificate. Individuals may currently have more than one role in the OPR.

Family Child Care and Child Care Center

- Administrator on JFS license (if provide classroom support)
- Assistant Teacher
- Floater
- Lead Teacher
- Owner (if provide classroom support)
- Substitute

Day Camp (both registered with ODJFS and approved by ODJFS)

- Day Camp Administrator
- Day Camp Lead Counselor
- Day Camp Owner (if provide classroom support)

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are cooks and janitors included in Phase 1C to receive the vaccine starting March 4, 2021?

Cooks and janitors are not eligible during Phase 1C. If they are also in a second position in your program and have the appropriate role in the OPR, then they are eligible.

- 2. Are owners/administrators that do not provide classroom support, parent volunteers and board members included in Phase 1C to receive the vaccine starting March 4, 2021?**

No, these individuals are not included in Phase 1C.

- 3. Are directors included in Phase 1C to receive the vaccine starting March 4, 2021?**

Yes, directors are the same as administrators and are eligible if they provide in-classroom supports.

- 4. Are unlicensed family child care homes included in Phase 1C to receive the vaccine starting March 4, 2021?**

No, only current owners, administrators, lead teachers, assistant teachers, floaters or substitutes working in open licensed family child care homes are eligible.

- 5. I am a licensed family child care provider. Is my spouse eligible for the vaccine?**

Your spouse is eligible for the vaccine if they are a lead or assistant teacher, floater or substitute in your program and have the appropriate role in the OPR.

- 6. If my program is temporarily closed are my staff eligible for the vaccine?**

No, only those individuals who are working in open child care programs are eligible.

- 7. Can I download the certificate of eligibility on my phone or does it need to be printed?**

The certificate of eligibility should be printed, as it includes a watermark that is not visible when downloaded.

- 8. How do I know where I can receive a vaccine?**

You can register for a location by visiting the [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations website](#).

- 9. My county health department said I did not need to bring a certificate of eligibility. Is it okay to get the vaccine without providing the certificate?**

The certificate has been created to streamline the verification process for local health departments and vaccination locations. It is up to the local health department or vaccination location as to what they need and accept.

- 10. Do I need to notify anyone or upload documentation that I received the vaccine?**

No, there is not a notification requirement.

- 11. How long does an individual have to be working in a child care program to be eligible to receive the vaccine?**

There is no length of time requirement. If the individual has the appropriate role in the OPR and is providing classroom support, then they are eligible.