



Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

Governor Tim Walz wants to keep Minnesota families safe at work and school by helping them get connected to COVID-19 vaccines.

- The first step is getting everyone (16 and older) registered in the [Vaccine Connector](#) so you can get contacted when it's your turn for a shot.
- You can also search [Vaccine Locations / COVID-19 Updates and Information - State of Minnesota](#) and make an appointment yourself (some vaccine providers are not yet serving all eligible populations).
- If you prefer, the call center can be reached at 833-431-2053. They are open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The call center can also help you update your Vaccine Connector profile (if your situation has changed).

Some of your family members may be eligible for vaccines now if they are in these groups:

- Essential workers including food processing plant workers are eligible now. Other eligible groups include farm workers, airport staff, additional child care workers, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail, food service, judicial system workers, manufacturing, public health workers, public transit and Postal Service workers.
- Those with certain health conditions including Sickle cell disease, Down Syndrome, or oxygen-dependent chronic lung or heart conditions, and those who are in active cancer treatment or immunocompromised from organ transplant.
- Minnesotans with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of severe illness.
- Those who care for children while their parents work are eligible under the child care group as "Other Care of Children." In the Vaccine Connector, select these choices under Demographic Details:
 - Do you work in child care or PK12 education in Minnesota?
 - Yes- Other Care of Children
 - Please select the type of care
 - Legally non-licensed child care or family, friend and neighbor care providers
- People age 45 and older with ONE or more underlying medical conditions; or, age 16 and over with TWO or more underlying medical conditions (learn more about these conditions on the [Who's Getting Vaccinated](#) page).

As we get more vaccines, it will become easier than ever to get a shot. Until then, it's important to wear your mask, stay 6 feet away from others, wash your hands and get a COVID-19 test if you need one. When it's your turn, get your vaccine. After you've had your shot, continue following these safe practices to protect your neighbors while they wait for their vaccine.

-Minnesota's Education and Child Care COVID-19 Response Workgroup