



Provider-Facing COVID-19 Vaccine Key Messages

Providers should check the [DSHS website](#) and social media accounts for the most current information, as information is subject to change.

How to enroll to be a COVID-19 vaccinator.

- Any facility, organization, or health care provider licensed to process or administer vaccines or provide vaccination services is eligible to enroll.
- Providers must register through [the Texas DSHS Immunization Program website](#) to administer and receive COVID-19 vaccines in Texas. The following steps must also be finalized:
 1. Complete Module 10 of the CDC's "You Call the Shots" Training. (Highly recommended)
 2. Evaluate patient population. Identify critical population groups of people who are served by your practice.
 3. Complete the COVID-19 Provider Agreement form.
 4. Agree to maintain vaccine safety and inventory.
 5. Agree to report COVID-19 doses administered in the required time frame.
- For questions about registration call the DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider hotline at 1-(877) 835-7750, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5p.m. or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

DSHS currently directs all vaccines received by COVID-19 vaccine providers to be immediately administered to phase [1A](#) and [1B](#) individuals. This includes:

- Healthcare staff.
- Texans 65 years of age and older.
- People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - Solid organ transplantation
 - Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Safety remains a top priority.

- COVID-19 vaccines have been evaluated in tens of thousands of volunteers during clinical trials and are only authorized for use if they are found to be safe.
- Even though no safety issues were found, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners will continue to monitor the COVID-19 vaccines.



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- Providers can play an important role in helping the CDC and federal partners monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.
- The US vaccine safety system is already strong and robust and includes required reporting to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) (VAERS).
- New safety systems have been added for COVID-19 vaccines, including the following new CDC initiatives:
 - V-safe
 - Vaccine Safety Datalink
 - Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Project

Providers should continue to remind patients to:

- Get vaccinated when they become eligible.
- Wear a mask.
- Stay 6 feet away from others and avoid crowds.
- Wash their hands often.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Resources	
Overall	
General Information	DSHS: Four Things to Know about the COVID-19 Vaccine CDC: COVID-19 Vaccination
General FAQs	DSHS: COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Communication Tools	DSHS: Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Tools CDC: Health Systems Communication Toolkit
Provider Specific	
COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Information	DSHS: COVID-19 Vaccination Providers DSHS Provider FAQs: COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Frequently Asked Questions CDC Clinical Considerations: Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination
COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers	DSHS: COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers
COVID-19 Vaccination Enrollment	DSHS: Vaccination Provider Enrollment
Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations	Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations



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Texas COVID-19
Allocation

Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Phase Definitions:

- [Phase 1A](#)
- [Phase 1B](#)

Guiding Principles: [COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guiding Principles](#)

About the Texas Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel: [COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel](#)

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