

Information for Regional Center Consumers and Their Families About Vaccine Eligibility

The information below explains why you are receiving the attached letter about you or your family member's COVID-19 vaccine eligibility.

Are regional center consumers eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines?

Beginning March 15, 2021, the regional center consumers defined below between ages 16 through 64 who are at highest risk of getting sick from COVID-19 are eligible for vaccination. This definition has been interpreted as ALL regional center consumers within that age range. *Vaccine supply is limited, so being eligible does not guarantee a vaccine is available.*

1. Individuals with severe health conditions: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>
2. Individuals who as a result of a developmental or other severe high-risk disability:
 - Are likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection; or
 - Getting COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival; or
 - Providing adequate and timely COVID-19 care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability.

How do I sign-up for a vaccine?

Regional Center staff, or people helping them, will be contacting you to let you know where you can get a vaccine and how to schedule an appointment. If you need help with scheduling a vaccine, or transportation to get a vaccine, your regional center can help. They can identify others that can help you too. If you have questions, please contact your service coordinator.

Does the attached letter guarantee I will get a vaccine?

No, the letter is not a guarantee that a vaccine will be available when you want one. Vaccines are administered by each county. You may experience a delay in getting a vaccine if your county does not have enough vaccine.

Am I required to get a vaccine?

No, vaccines are not required. We hope that once Californians learn that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, people will choose to be vaccinated. Regional center providers cannot require you to receive the COVID vaccine.

What can I do if I have trouble getting a vaccine?

Contact your service coordinator for assistance. You also may get help from the California vaccine hotline: (833) 422-4255 or (833) 4CA-4ALL.

Where can I get more information about vaccines?

More information about vaccines can be found on the DDS website at: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/vaccine-testing/>, or from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>.