

HOW TO OBTAIN COVID-19 VACCINES

GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PRIMARY CARE (PHPC) HEALTH CENTERS

PHPC HEALTH CENTERS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THE HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET

Between April and December 2020, PHPC Health Centers tested 488,053 individuals for COVID. Close to 51,586 (10.56%) of those individuals were positive, and approximately 70% of those cases were individuals that identify as a racial or ethnic minority. (*Source: NCHPH COVID-19 Dashboard*)



488,053 PHPC Patients Tested



51,586 PHPC Patients Positive



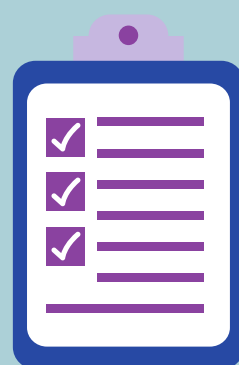
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REVIEW YOUR STATE'S VACCINATION PLAN

Each state has developed an [Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) that provides public health programs and their partners with guidance on how to plan and operationalize a vaccination response to COVID-19 within their jurisdictions. The document's sections cover specific areas of COVID-19 vaccination program planning and implementation and provide key guidance documents and links to resources to assist those efforts. Consider signing up for the email updates to stay informed of any changes.

The National Academy for State Health Policy has compiled each state's [vaccination plan](#). These plans are in the form of a document or webpage with information on the groups prioritized based on health risks. If the state's priority lists do not include public housing residents, reach out to the public health partners who are responsible for vaccine distribution and encourage them to include this vulnerable population.

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PHPC Health Centers should participate in state and local discussions around COVID-19 vaccination planning to ensure that residents of public housing are adequately immunized. This infographic provides PHPC Health Centers with guidance on how to obtain COVID-19 vaccines for distribution to patients and staff.

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BECOME AN OFFICIAL COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDER

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COVID-19 vaccination providers participating in the [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) are required to sign a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. It includes footnoted weblinks for recommendations, requirements and other guidance that are incorporated into the requirements of the vaccination program. [Find more information about vaccine administration and reporting requirements.](#)

Some State Departments of Public Health are overseeing the registration for COVID-19 vaccination programs. To become a vaccination provider, contact your State Department of Public Health. In some states, for healthcare provider facilities to participate receive and/or administer vaccine they must register or be enrolled in the state's Immunization Information System (IIS).

In other cases, vaccination roll out is coordinated by local departments of health. For contact information on local city and county health departments, view [NACCHO Local Health Department COVID-19 Directory](#).

ENSURE THAT YOU ARE EQUIPPED FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Check with your state's immunization program for specific requirements on how vaccines should be delivered, stored, monitored, and documented. To visit the [direct link to each state's immunization program](#), view this resource from the Immunization Action Coalition.

Healthcare professionals who will administer vaccines should receive comprehensive, competency-based training in vaccine administration policies and procedures before administering vaccines. View [CDC Training materials](#) here.

One way to ensure that people continue to receive needed vaccines is to set up a curbside or drive-through vaccination clinic. If you are planning a curbside or drive-through vaccination clinic, review [CDC's Considerations for Planning Curbside/Drive-Through Vaccination Clinics](#). View the [Checklist of Best Practices for Vaccination Clinics Held at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations](#) which outlines CDC guidelines and best practices essential for patient safety and vaccine effectiveness, including guidance for vaccine shipment, transport, storage, handling, preparation, administration, and documentation at temporary clinics.

Also review [CDC's Vaccination Supply Checklist](#) and specific guidance can be found in [CDC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#).

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COORDINATE WITH GOVERNMENT, NONPROFIT, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

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Government entities, such as the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as Primary Care Associations, State and local Immunization Programs, Public Health Departments, nonprofit and private sector organizations can assist in improving access to COVID-19 vaccines.

HUD has activated technical assistance provider teams to provide additional support to communities in planning and preparing for vaccine distribution. [HUD's COVID-19 Interaction Playbook for Housing Partners](#) and [HUD's COVID-19 Resources](#) website is being updated regularly. To subscribe to the HUD Exchange mailing list, please go to the [Mailing List Subscription Form](#).

To identify and contact your local housing authority, view [NCHPH's Interactive Map](#). This [map](#) shows health care facilities within a five-mile radius of public housing buildings and Public Housing Authorities.

Guidance on vaccine distribution is changing rapidly. Continue to check websites regularly for up to date information.



ABOUT NCHPH

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