

Interested in Hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Event for your Early Care and Education Students, Families and/or Staff? The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) can help.

CDPH anticipates that COVID-19 vaccines may be authorized for use in young children as early as this summer. In preparation, we hope to increase vaccine accessibility for children ages 6 months through 4 years and their families by offering free pop-up COVID-19 vaccine events at California early care and educational settings.

WHO can get vaccinated?

Upon authorization of the vaccine, all vaccine-eligible children ages 6 months and older, their guardians and caregivers, as well as any staff or other community member affiliated with the vaccine event venue may receive vaccine. Organizers can determine the audience based on local needs.

WHERE would the vaccine event happen?

Early care and education sites (e.g., preschools, Head Start, early care and education centers) and settings that provide non-medical services for children younger than age 5 (e.g., WIC sites, First 5 agencies, Resource and Referral agencies) throughout all of California.

TIMELINE

- Late April and May 2022: Early care and education sites request pop-up clinics by completing [this form](#). Pop-up vendors contact early care and education sites to coordinate events, including logistics and outreach
- June 2022 – Vaccine events for children ages 6 months+ will begin (pending vaccine authorization)
- Summer (July & August) 2022 – Vaccine events for children ages 6 months+ continue through series completion

WHY is it important for early care and education students, families and staff?

COVID-19 vaccine helps protect children from hospitalization or death from COVID-19. While it is ideal for young children to receive COVID-19 vaccine at their doctor's office, many offices may not provide the vaccine. Meanwhile, most pharmacies are unable to vaccinate children under 3 years of age. This campaign aims to increase COVID-19 vaccine access for communities where it is needed.

HOW do I get started?

The process of requesting a free pop-up COVID-19 vaccine event is easy – it is simply a matter of completing an [online request form](#).** Because resources are not limitless, we ask that requestors try and assure at least 50 vaccine recipients (of any age), but there can be exceptions to this if you believe that you are in a community with very limited access to the 6-months-through-4-years-vaccine. Requesting sites will be responsible for providing the space for the pop-up vendor and marketing the event to their community. The vendor will bring staff and supplies and CDPH will supply marketing materials to support outreach. Participants can schedule appointments online through a specific web address for the event or over the phone in many offered languages.

**If you are in Los Angeles County (excluding Pasadena and Long Beach), there is a different request process. Please use this [link](#).

Please email SchoolVaxTeam@CDPH.ca.gov with any additional inquiries.

