

# All Hands on Deck: How to Become a Volunteer COVID-19 Vaccinator

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# Webinar Objectives



1. Describe the public health significance of volunteer vaccinators
2. Discuss the current CA landscape for COVID-19 vaccines
3. Explain how to become a volunteer vaccinator
4. Share resources for providers and your patients

(Note: We will not be addressing liability, allocations, or the CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program.)

# Public Health Significance of Volunteer Vaccinators

- You are all are trusted health care providers in their communities
- As the vaccine supply increases, we may need "all hands-on deck" to protect more people against COVID-19
  - Volunteering for a few hours at one clinic can save hundreds or potentially thousands of lives



# Update for March 17, 2021

As of March 17, California has 3,532,496 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 55,577 deaths.

## CASES

**3,532,496** total

**2,441** today

↘ 6 new cases per 100K

## DEATHS

**55,577** total

**205** today

↘ 0.1 new deaths per 100K

## TESTS

**51,460,324** total

**88,299** today

↘ 2% test positivity

## VACCINES ADMINISTERED

**13,037,557** total

Updated March 17, 2021, with data from March 16, 2021.

Note: Case rate is based on a 7-day average with a 7-day lag. Rates of deaths is based on a 7-day average with a 21-day lag due to delays in reporting. Test positivity is based on a 7-day average with no lag. Directional change is compared to the prior 7-day period. Data is provided by the California Department of Public Health.

# Current CA Landscape of Vaccine Providers



- 5,559 provider sites enrolled
- Providers interested in enrollment in the CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program may visit [eziz.org/covid](https://eziz.org/covid)
- With the Dept of Consumer Affairs (DCA) waivers, authorized providers may administer vaccine: Dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and [other medical professionals](#)

# Training for Administering Vaccine



- See [Authorized Licensee webpage](#)
- Review the following training before volunteering:
  - [COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers](#)
  - Complete all 4 training modules
- More info at CDPH website:
  - [Requirements and Recommended Training for Non-traditional Vaccinators](#)

# Certificates of Completion

- Certificates are available for all four training modules through CDC
- Keep certificates in your records similarly to any CE certificate
- Trainings may or may not count for CE

# Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Waivers

- Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20, during a State of Emergency, the Director of DCA may waive any statutory or regulatory requirements with respect to a professional license issued pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- There are traditional and non-traditional vaccinators
- Waivers increase the healthcare workforce by authorizing additional licensees to administer vaccines in California
- Understand the requirements for your license type, these vary

## IMMUNIZATION BRANCH

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[Me and My Family](#)
[Health Care Providers](#)
[Disease Info and Reports](#)
[Laws and Regulations](#)
[Vacúnate Ya](#)

### Licensees Authorized to Administer Vaccines in California

Licensee*	Authorizing Statutes & Regulations	Conditions for Immunizing
Physician and Surgeon (allopathic)	<a href="#">Medical Board of California</a> BPC § 2051	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May independently initiate</li> </ul>
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon	<a href="#">Osteopathic Medical Board of California</a> BPC §§ 2051 & 2453	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May independently initiate</li> </ul>
Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Midwife, Public Health Nurse, Nurse Practitioner	<a href="#">Board of Registered Nursing</a> BPC § 2725	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May independently initiate</li> </ul>



# Volunteering at Vaccination Sites

*Volunteering provides clinics  
the capacity to vaccinate  
Californians.*

In **Inyo County**, a mass vax clinic staffed by 43 medical, 28 general support volunteers, and 4 staff were able to distribute 1,160 doses, enabling our pilot partner to vaccinate 5% of Inyo County.





*"The volunteers bonded and created a unique esprit de corp. We wouldn't have been able to pull this off without volunteers. They helped in every single aspect."*



## **Campaign to Assist Vaccination Efforts**

- Outreach and Education
- Vaccination Distribution

## **My Turn – Volunteer Portal**

- One statewide portal to sign up for volunteer opportunities
- After registration, can search for vaccination distribution opportunities by zip code

# My Turn – Volunteer: In Depth

- Launched on March 5
- A centralized digital portal that allows clinics to identify, screen, and schedule volunteers
- Available as a free additive resource to clinic administrators onboarded in My Turn Clinic



## **Pilot Partners**

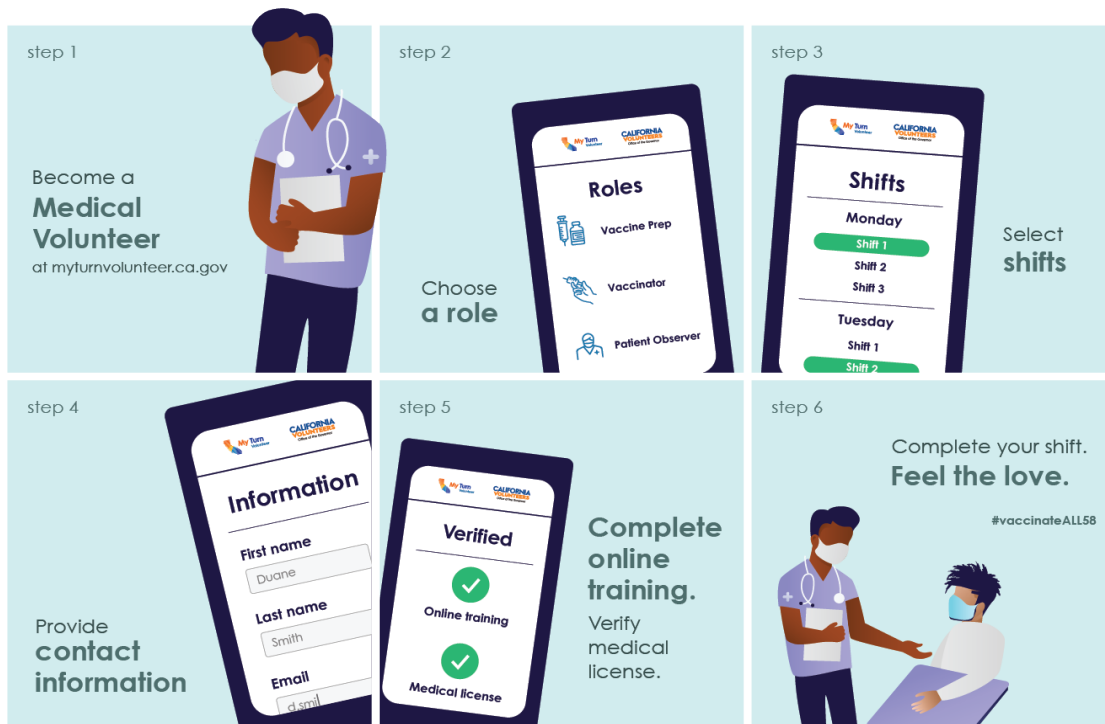
Inyo County Health & Human Services &  
Kedren Community Clinic (South LA)

# Medical Volunteers

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Those who have medical licenses who may be administering vaccines or serving in roles which requires they have medical training.

These volunteers have been vetted by the CMA needing minimal effort to utilize.

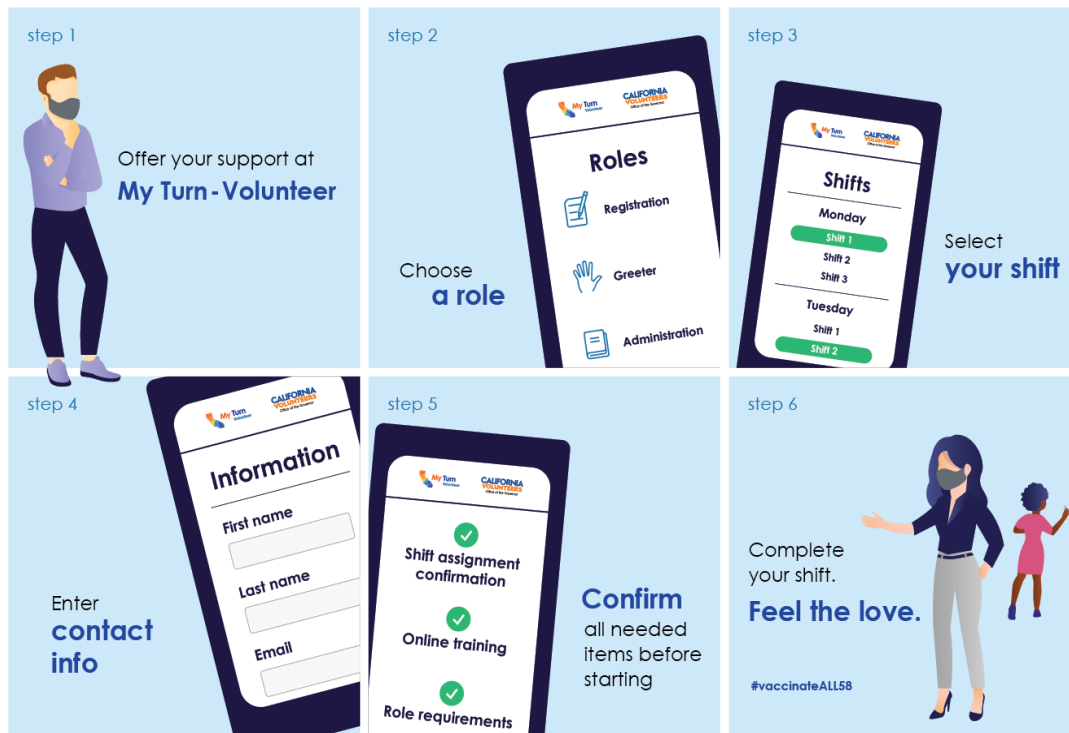


# General Volunteer

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Those who are volunteering and willing to help with general support for your clinic.

Many have already signed up expressing interest in volunteering ready to be utilized. They can self-register once shifts have been determined.





# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Do providers need to verify license?**

My Turn – Volunteer automatically verifies a medical license is in good standing.

## **What other information do providers need to sign up?**

Be willing and able to provide personal contact information and be able to travel to your clinic site while following current safety protocols issued by CDPH and the CDC.

## **When and how will I be contacted to volunteer?**

By signing up at My Turn – Volunteer you'll receive regular communication about opportunities as they become available.

## **What is the need for volunteers currently?**

Medical volunteers are needed across the state regardless of whether clinics are using My Turn – Volunteer. California Volunteers recommends working with local health jurisdictions to offer your support. You can also check [californiansforall.volunteermatch.org](https://californiansforall.volunteermatch.org) for other volunteer opportunities.

## **Do I get opportunity to get vaccine if I volunteer?**

Vaccinations for volunteers may be possible but are not guaranteed at any My Turn – Volunteer sites.

# How to Sign Up

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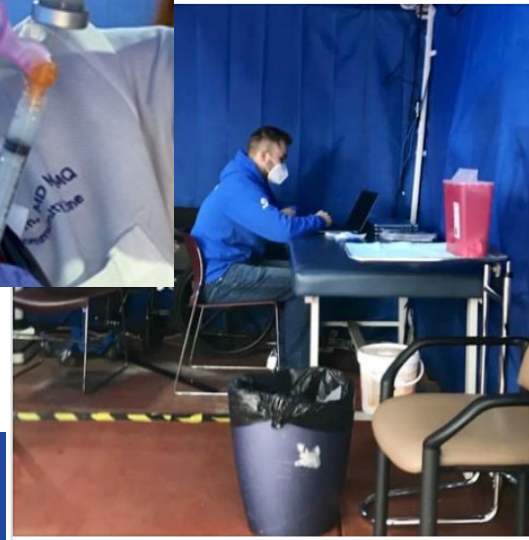


- Opportunities at vaccination clinics should increase over time.
- California Volunteers will keep you informed as new clinics come online.
- Long term and repeat volunteers are appreciated.
- Volunteers are encouraged to volunteer in their local communities.



# The Benefits of Volunteering

- ✓ Help accelerate the distribution of vaccines in California
- ✓ Bring much needed expert relief to clinics
- ✓ Empower individuals with accurate information and advice
- ✓ Connect your expertise with real time need in your community



# Next Steps

- [Register to Volunteer](#) at My Turn – Volunteer
- Look at [actions](#) you can take with your neighbors and community
- Contact us at [myturnvolunteer@cv.ca.gov](mailto:myturnvolunteer@cv.ca.gov)



# Resources for Patients

## COVID-19 Vaccination Patient Resources

Patient FAQs, posters, toolkits and other resources

## My Turn

Register to find out when it's your turn to get vaccine and make an appointment

## CDPH COVID-19 Website

Information for the general public

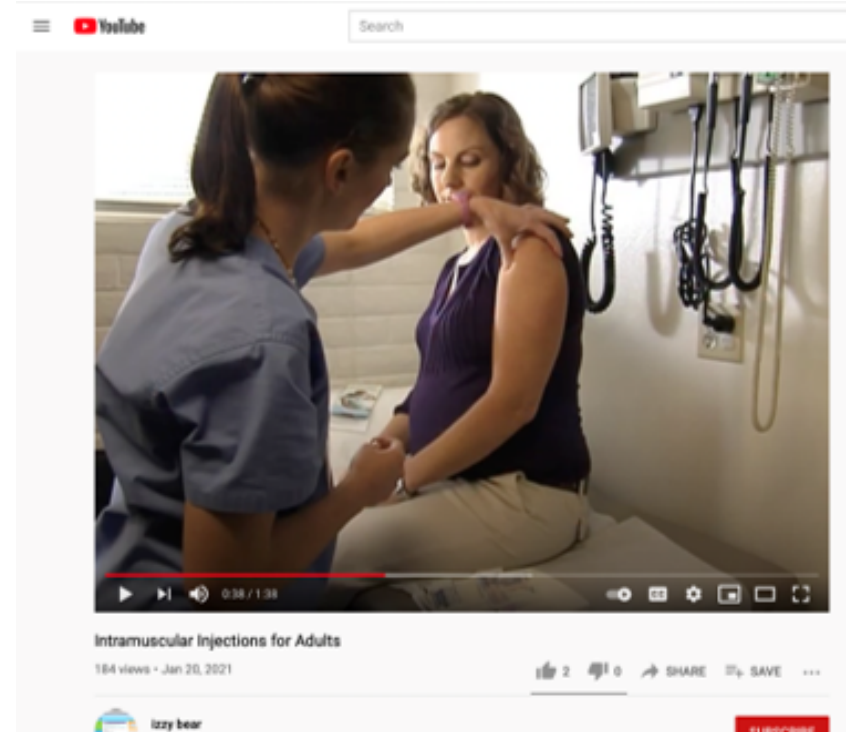
COVID-19 Public Hotline (M-F 8-8pm, Sa-Su 8-5pm)  
1-833-422-4255

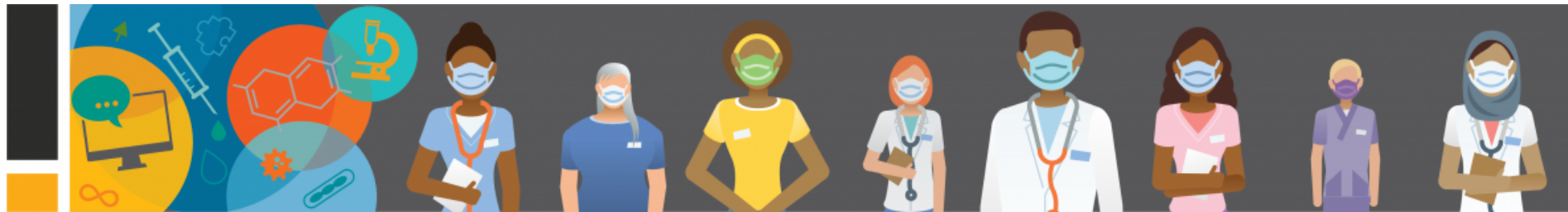
# Resources for Providers

- [CDPH Training for New Vaccinators](#)
- [Current Waivers and Guidance Documents](#)
- [Authorized Licencees and Conditions for Immunizing](#)
- [Local Health Department Websites](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Website for Providers](#)

# Recommended Training Videos and Resources

- "Just-in-time" training [video](#) on vaccine administration
- This and training resources are available for new vaccinators on the [CDPH training webpage](#).





**Thank you for your commitment to protect the health  
and well-being of all Californians.**

# Questions and Answers

(Submit questions via WebEx "Q&A" function)

