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## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 37 *CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons* *COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 2*

### KEY POINTS and RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons

- There is no preference for any specific COVID-19 vaccine – all COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19, including high vaccine efficacy at preventing severe disease, hospitalizations, and deaths. **Encourage your patients to be vaccinated with the first available vaccine rather than wait for a specific formulation.**
- A person is considered “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 when they are 14 days or more after receipt of their second dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna), or 14 days or more after receipt of the single-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine.
- CDC has released [Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#), including a [Science Brief](#) that discusses the rationale and evidence for the recommendations.
  - This guidance applies only to non-healthcare and private settings (e.g., household/home settings)
  - Healthcare providers should continue to follow all previously recommended infection control and prevention recommendations, including universal masking when in health facilities, and use of eye protection for all patient care encounters conducted in areas with a “substantial” level of community transmission (every county in NH continues to be at a “substantial” level of community transmission)
  - Businesses and organizations should continue to follow NH’s Universal Guidelines, industry-specific “re-open” guidance (see [www.covidguidance.nh.gov](http://www.covidguidance.nh.gov)), and other public health recommendations
  - Fully vaccinated persons should continue to wear well-fitted masks and practice physical distancing (maintain at least 6 feet of separation from others) when in public locations, avoid crowds and larger group/social gatherings, and avoid non-essential travel
  - All persons, including those fully vaccinated, should watch for [symptoms of COVID-19](#), and isolate and be clinically evaluated for SARS-CoV-2 testing for any new consistent symptoms (even mild cold symptoms); any positive specimen in someone who is fully vaccinated should be promptly reported to the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) and the specimen should be sent to the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL)
- Fully vaccinated people can visit with:
  - Other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
  - Unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing, although people can still choose to implement these measures for greater protection of the unvaccinated person(s), if desired

- Fully vaccinated people should continue to wear masks, physically distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting:
  - Unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19
  - People who live with unvaccinated household members that are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19, even if those persons are not immediately present in the home
  - Unvaccinated people from multiple households
- NH DPHS continues to recommend (see [HAN Update #36](#)) that fully vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine after an unprotected exposure to COVID-19 or higher risk international travel if the person remains asymptomatic.
  - Any fully vaccinated person participating in international travel who is exempt from quarantine upon return to NH should be tested for asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection per CDC [international travel guidance](#). The traveler should be tested by PCR on days 1-3 BEFORE travel to the US and again on days 3-5 AFTER travel
  - Updated NH [COVID-19 Travel Guidance](#) will be forthcoming

## COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Phase 2

- NH is extending vaccine eligibility to populations in Phase 2a and then 2b shortly thereafter:
  - See new NH [vaccinations data dashboard](#)
  - See NH [COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Guidelines for Phase 2](#) for more information about who is prioritized in vaccination phase 2a and 2b
- Persons eligible for vaccination in phase 2a can receive vaccination through:
  - A State- or hospital-run public COVID-19 vaccination clinic
  - A local clinic established by your organization in coordination with the Regional Public Health Network (RPHN), which begin March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Phase 2a persons who are not being vaccinated by their RPHN should register (beginning March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am) at <https://vaccines.nh.gov> to get vaccinated at a State- or hospital-run clinic. Anyone unable to access the registration website can call 2-1-1 to register and schedule vaccination.
- All phase 2a vaccine candidates must bring to their appointment a driver's license or non-driver ID card AND one form of verification showing employment in a phase 2a prioritized organization (see attachment for more details).
- Phase 2b (NH residents aged 50-64 years) vaccination registration will open on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am at <https://vaccines.nh.gov>. Anyone unable to access the registration website can call 2-1-1 to register and schedule vaccination.

## Weekly Partner Calls For:

- **Long-term care facilities and congregate living settings** every Wednesday from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm, in partnership with the NH Healthcare Association (NHHCA):
  - Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/511075725>
  - Call-in phone number: (929) 205-6099
  - Meeting ID: 511 075 725
  - Password: 092020

- **Educational and childcare partners** every Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm:
  - Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/98062195081>
  - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
  - Meeting ID: 980 6219 5081
  - Password: 197445
  
- **Healthcare providers and other public health partners** every Thursday from 12:00 – 1:00 pm; these calls focus on new science, medical, and vaccine updates:
  - Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/s/94841259025>
  - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
  - Meeting ID: 948 4125 9025
  - Password: 003270

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- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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**Attachments: Phase 2A Vaccination Infographic**



# PHASE 2a

## K-12 School, Childcare, and Youth Camp Staff

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### WHO

All staff working in New Hampshire:

- K-12 schools
- Licensed child care settings
- License-exempt settings enrolled with the NH DHHS - Bureau of Child Development
- Municipal or other recreation programs providing before and/or after school, vacation, or summer youth programming
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Youth camps



### HOW

There are two paths for Phase 2a vaccinations:

1. At a regional clinic managed by your organization and Regional Public Health Network
2. At a state or hospital run public clinic – register online at <https://vaccines.nh.gov> starting March 17.

### WHEN

Important Date for Regional Clinics:

- **March 12th:** Regional vaccination clinics can begin, subject to regional scheduling. Look for more information from your employer

Important Dates for State/Hospital Clinics:

- **March 17th:** Registration opens for Phase 2a vaccination at state or hospital run public clinics
- **March 22nd:** Vaccination appointments start for Phase 2a at state or hospital run public clinics

### WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING

At the time of vaccination, all Phase 2a vaccine recipients must bring:

- A driver license or non-driver ID card

And one of the following:

- A payroll check, payroll document, or employment contract showing your employment at a school, childcare facility, or youth camp, dated within the last 60 days.
- A letter on school, childcare facility, or youth camp letterhead stating that you meet Phase 2a eligibility.
- A photo identification card issued by a school, childcare facility, or youth camp