



COVID-19 Vaccine Update for WRC Staff and Service Providers

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Recent updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have indicated that the remainder of health care workers in Phase 1A Tiers 2 - 3 are eligible to schedule an appointment for the vaccine.

[See Department of Public Health Vaccine Prioritization and Allocation Schedule](#)

Regional Center Health Care Workers have been defined as meeting the criteria included in Phase 1A Tier 2. A Health Care Worker is defined as anyone who provides direct service, which included face to face service to an individual who may have COVID-19. This tier would include the following groups:

1. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Homemakers, Independent and Supported Living Providers, Respite, and Personal Assistance.
2. Speech Therapists, Physical Therapists/Occupational Therapists

Anyone in Tiers 1-3 providing direct services, including those who work for or with a regional center can go to the website linked below and secure an appointment.

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/>

For more information about the COVID vaccination, please refer to the links below:
Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs – January 8, 2021](#)

LA County Department of Public Health

- VaccinateLACounty.com
Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been shown to be safe and very effective in extensive studies that involved a diverse mix of people. These vaccines prevented 95% of cases of COVID-19 disease. **While the vaccine stops people from getting sick, it is not yet clear if it stops the spread of COVID-19 to other people. It is also not known how long a person will be immune. Therefore, everyone must still wear a face covering, physically distance, and not gather.**

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Providing Documentation

When you go to a Dept. of Public Health vaccination site, you must bring one of the four sets of documentation listed below to your appointment. If you do not have documentation, you will be asked to return with documentation.

1. Healthcare worker employee/WRC Staff employee ID badge with a photo, **OR**
2. Professional license **AND** a photo ID, **OR**
3. Signed letter from your employer, and for service providers, your regional center on facility letterhead **AND** a photo ID, **OR**
4. Payment stub from a healthcare provider with your name **AND** a photo ID

WRC is preparing a letter for regional center staff. You can contact our HR department for this letter.

Other supplemental documentation that service providers have available includes:

- Purchase Orders/POS Authorizations
- Bank Statements showing deposits from a Regional Center
- Printout of payment history from eBilling
- Bank Statements showing deposits from a Regional Center
- Regional Center service agreements, rate letters, Insurance COI

WRC is working aggressively with DDS and ARCA to ensure that everyone in our community is vaccinated as soon as possible and are advocating that they are prioritized in a more immediate tier.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to email us at:

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