



Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

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Commissioner

March 24, 2021

Dear Provider,

As you know, NYS prioritized owners and staff of licensed and registered child care programs for COVID-19 vaccinations in January 2021, including them in the [list of priority populations](#).

Since then, many additional vaccination sites have opened making the vaccine more accessible to providers.

NYS OCFS strongly encourages all child care staff to be vaccinated as soon as they are able. Staff can visit the online "Am I Eligible" tool to find an appointment near them <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> or call the NYS Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). They can also call their local health department for additional vaccination opportunities. A listing can be found here: https://health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/. For programs in NYC, please visit <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/> to find available appointments.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine and the vaccination process, please review the newly posted presentation <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/news/2021/COVID19-2021Mar10-Vaccine-Child-Care.pdf>; in Spanish: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/news/2021/COVID19-2021Mar10-Vaccine-Child-Care.es.pdf>, for child care providers and programs.

Thank you for partnering with us on this important effort to keep our communities safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Molnar".

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner