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Caregiver Eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine.*

As frontline healthcare workers providing essential care, caregivers working in a healthcare setting are in the 1A priority group and are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine for free, right now.

To get vaccinated, you need to:

- Get proof that you are eligible, and bring with you to your vaccination appointment
- Find a location near you and get scheduled, following the instructions below..

Get Proof You are Eligible

You will be asked to give proof that you are a healthcare worker eligible to get the vaccine. You have 2 ways to get proof you are eligible and on the Phase 1A priority list to vaccine providers

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- If you are an active DSHS COPES provider, [Download the DSHS Vaccine Verification Letter](#). Then print it or present it on your phone to the vaccine provider.
- For other caregivers employed in a healthcare setting, you can obtain a letter from your employer, or [Use the Phase Finder website from Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\)](#). Make sure to:
 - On page 5, answer “YES” to “Do you work in a health care setting?”

- On page 6, select option 4 that includes the phrase “home health aide.
- Take a screenshot of or print the last screen with your name, which confirms your eligibility.

Find a Vaccination location**

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to caregiver at multiple locations. To find a location closest to you, [visit the Washington State Department of Health’s Vaccine Locations website](#).

If your health care coverage is Kaiser Permanente in the Puget Sound Area, log into KPWA and follow instructions.

A number of Vashon caregivers have obtained vaccination appointments through the **Multicare Vaccination Scheduling line at 253-792-6051**. Have your proof of eligibility ready when you call. If the first operator says you are not eligible, try again.

* *Most of this information is from an email from SEIU, directed to working state-certified Home Care Aides/Independent Providers. How these instructions and the 1A eligibility apply to private caregivers working with private clients is not entirely clear. However, it seems that **any** caregiver employee is a frontline healthcare worker providing essential care, and thus eligible to be included in phase 1A. See the Washington Department of Health instructions for unaffiliated workers at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/821-129-WorkersNotGettingVaccine.pdf>*

** *Be aware that some of the locations noted on the DOH Vaccine Locations website do not yet have an adequate supply of vaccines. For example, under King County, for Vashon, the SeaMar clinic and the pharmacy are listed but do not yet have sufficient vaccines.*