



North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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Dear NLACRC Community,

We have received a new [directive](#) from DDS regarding individuals eligible for vaccinations effective March 15, 2021, and assistance to be provided by regional centers. Eligible individuals are as follows:

“...individuals aged 16-64 who are deemed to be at the very highest risk to get very sick from COVID-19” because they have a specified severe health condition;

OR

“If as a result of their developmental or other severe high-risk disability, ... the individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection, [or]... will limit the individual’s ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival, [or]... providing adequate or timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual’s disability.”

Essentially, all individuals with a developmental disability between 16 and 64 years of age will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 15th. Please note that eligibility for vaccination does not guarantee access to the vaccine due to limited supply. That said, it is important to *make every effort to obtain a vaccination appointment* and toward that end, regional centers will be providing information about where to obtain a vaccine, how to schedule an appointment, as well as provide assistance with scheduling vaccination appointments and coordinating transportation.

NLACRC has identified all eligible individuals and we are actively generating eligibility letters. If you are served by NLACRC and are 16-64 years of age, you will receive the following documents via postal mail:

- A cover letter outlining resources and information
- A personalized letter of eligibility for vaccination that is endorsed by the Department of Developmental Services and NLACRC (which must be taken to your vaccination appointment)

Starting March 15, 2021, vaccination appointments can be made using a website or by telephone. To schedule a vaccination appointment **online**, you may use the following websites:

www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English)
www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish)
<https://myturn.ca.gov/>

Starting March 15, 2021, you can schedule a vaccination appointment **by telephone**, and you may call the following:

LA County Public Health Call Center at 1-833-540-0473
Hours: 8:00 am to 8:30 pm, 7 days per week

CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255
8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday
and Sunday

If you need assistance scheduling a vaccination appointment, please call your Service Coordinator. If you are not able to reach your Service Coordinator, please call the NLACRC Vaccination Hotline at **(323) 652-4848**. **The NLACRC Vaccination Hotline will go live on Monday March 15, 2021**. Additional assistance through this hotline will be available after hours from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm, and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Service Coordinators and the NLACRC Vaccination Hotline will assist consumers and families in answering questions related to vaccinations, can help you schedule appointments, and assist in coordinating transportation.

Here is an additional resource that we want to share with our community:

To check vaccine supply by your zip code, please access the following:

- Federal: www.vaccinefinder.org
- State: www.covid19.ca.gov/vaccines, [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Dashboard Public \(tableau.com\)](http://www.covid19.ca.gov/vaccines), where in the upper left corner in the drop-down box, toggle to “Provider Detail.”

- DDS Frequently Asked Questions and other resources:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/vaccine-testing/>

Remember, you need to take your personalized letter to the vaccination site to verify your eligibility for the vaccine. Lastly, NLACRC will continue to provide updates on vaccinations to our community as they become available.

Yours in good health,

NLACRC