

Unpaid Caregivers Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine in Phase 1A



Unpaid caregivers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are **eligible** to receive a COVID-19 vaccination under Phase 1A. However, you may be asked by a vaccine provider to provide documentation to verify your status as an unpaid caregiver. To verify your status and provide the needed documentation, follow the instructions below:

1. Go the Department of Human Services (DHS) website and visit this link: [COVID-19 Provider Resources](#).
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
3. Look for the check box that allows you to self-attest that you are an unpaid caregiver for an elderly individual or a person with a disability.
4. Clicking the check box opens a link entitled "View Letter". This letter is from DHS Secretary Teresa Miller verifying the status as an unpaid family caregiver.
5. Please print this letter and take it to a vaccination site. This letter will provide you with the proof you need to get a COVID vaccination in this phase.

To find a vaccination site, go to this Department of Health (DOH) website: [Getting the COVID Vaccine | PA.GOV](#).

Please share this with other caregivers.

If you need a printed copy, please contact The Arc PA with your name and mailing address. We are happy to mail you a copy of the letter.

[Email](#)

Phone: 717-234-2621 or 1-877-337-1970

You can access a full list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the vaccine by visiting [DOH's webpage](#) and scrolling down to the FAQ section.

We encourage you to continually access information from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and beware of any scams or misinformation circulating about the COVID-19 vaccine. **If you have any questions about the safety of the vaccine for you or your family member, you need to talk to your primary medical provider. Your doctor knows your health needs and will help you decide if it is safe for you to get vaccinated.**