

COVID-19 UPDATE | March 15, 2021

# What you need to know

As we continue to manage through the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaiser Permanente is committed to making sure our customers have the latest information. When we receive updates, we will ensure you receive any information that may impact KP members. This is a challenging time for everyone, and Kaiser Permanente is here to support you with news and information to manage your Kaiser Permanente plan.

## Help members get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccines are a vital tool to help end the pandemic. Some members may have concerns about vaccine safety and effectiveness. In addition, social and cultural considerations may make some people hesitant to get vaccinated. In the videos linked below a Kaiser Permanente doctor covers important information about available vaccines and details why a person should get vaccinated.



English Version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Db9OwsXUmTc>

Spanish Version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6zmOU96Vzg&feature=youtu.be>

There is also new vaccine-related content available on our [Better Way website](#) and in the [Planning for the Next Normal at Work Playbook](#) (Building trust around vaccines, pages 2.1–2.8)

## New Eligibility for teachers, school staff and childcare workers

The Federal Government announced on March 2<sup>nd</sup> that they have expanded vaccine eligibility to teachers, school staff, and childcare workers as follows:

- Formal and informal childcare workers, including day care providers
- Staff in colleges, universities, junior colleges, community colleges, and other postsecondary education facilities
- Staff in educational support services and administration
- Staff in pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high schools
- Staff in technical and trade schools
- Any other workers involved in child and/or student care, including school bus drivers and monitors, crosswalk guards, etc.

Members should understand that this change does not mean newly eligible categories will receive higher priority than those that are already eligible.

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## All Phase 1B Vaccine Eligible Groups

Kaiser Permanente is now providing COVID-19 vaccine appointments for everyone in Phase 1B, including workers within the following industries:

- Childcare and education
- Food and agriculture
- Emergency service employees

As supplies allows, we will be also reaching out and offering vaccine appointments to members 16 to 64 who are at high risk of complications due to COVID-19 based on their medical history. Kaiser Permanente also continues to vaccinate health care workers, residents of long-term care facilities, and people 65 and older. For the most current information on the vaccine, vaccination locations, or how to schedule an appointment, please visit [www.kp.org/covidvaccine](http://www.kp.org/covidvaccine)

## Proof of eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination appointments

Vaccine eligibility categories are changing and increasing rapidly as California and KP receive more vaccine supply. As vaccine eligibility is updated, members may be required to bring one of the following documents and their photo ID to their vaccination appointment.

- Employee ID badge
- Professional license or certificate; or
- Signed letter from employer on a letter head; or
- Payment stub or timesheet

Childcare and education workers may also be asked what their company name and their role at work.

## KP Launches Comprehensive Vaccine Equity Education Initiative

Kaiser Permanente has launched a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine equity education campaign to provide trusted information to increase vaccine confidence within African American, Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander communities. The campaign includes collaborating with trusted social media influencers to deliver COVID-19 prevention messages, bilingual public service announcements targeted to Latino and African American audiences, and support for community-based organizations across the country. Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#).

**Together We Thrive:** For the latest information on COVID-19, please visit our [website](#).

**Thrive at Work:** For more COVID-19 resources to help you care for employees please visit our [KP Business website](#).