



Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

## Info & Resources

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# Service Provider Updates

## VACCINE AVAILABLE NOW

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has released correspondence explaining the role of direct service employees, family members and certain regional center employees in caring for consumers and thus are prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1A.

[Read the DDS letter regarding families](#)

[Read the DDS letter regarding vendored service providers](#)

[Read the DDS letter regarding Regional Center staff](#)

**Service Providers:** Vendored providers' employees who provide direct care, in-home-support and other health and developmental services are "health care workers" pursuant to the [State of California's Vaccination Plan](#), and thus are prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1A. Staff currently providing services in LA County can receive the COVID-19 Vaccine through the LA County Department of Public Health. Please visit the [Vaccination for healthcare workers](#) webpage to learn how you can get vaccinated.

At the time of your appointment you will need 1 of the 4 sets of documented listed here:

1. Healthcare worker employee badge with photo  
OR
2. Professional license **AND** a photo ID  
OR
3. Signed letter from employer on facility letterhead **AND** a photo ID  
OR
4. Payment stub from healthcare provider with your name **AND** a photo ID

Please Note: ELARC Service Providers may only register staff who serve clients in LA County.

[Read the 1/13/2021 ELARC letter to Service Providers.](#)

**NOTE TO RESIDENTIAL PROVIDERS: Pharmacy**

**Partnership:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has partnered with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccinations. Those facilities that are licensed by Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) are included in the partnership. Facilities that are being prioritized for the vaccines are Skilled Nursing Facilities, Long Term Care Facilities and Assistive Living. All Community Care Facilities have been "opted in" to the Pharmacy Partnership program by CCL. More information on the Pharmacy Partnership is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>

**NOTE TO IHSS WORKERS:** Anyone who is CURRENTLY registered as an In Home Support Services (IHSS) provider in LA County may now sign up to be vaccinated. Signups are online and are first come, first served.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization and Allocation schedule established by the Public Health Department is currently in the Phase 1A Tier 1 and part of Tier 2. The Second Tier includes individuals who are CURRENTLY registered as IHSS providers, which includes parents and family members who are currently registered providers. If you are an IHSS provider [follow the steps to get an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.](#)

**Please note that ELARC does not have any direct influence over your access and ability to secure an appointment for the vaccine. You are encouraged to be persistent in your efforts to get an appointment, and keep checking the website above for additional tiers to be added. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will continue to open up additional appointments in the days and weeks to come.**

### Can You Provide Surge Resources?

Surge resources are very limited and the ELARC community is in immediate need of staffing resources: people to work with COVID + and COVID exposed consumers as well as sites that can provide a bed and bathroom for isolation.

Please consider if your agency may be able to work with us to provide this resource. We can approach this creatively, so if you are not vendored for this type of service but have staff willing to provide service or a site (perhaps a residence not in use or an empty day program building) we can strategize how to quickly set up and fund for the service. ELARC approached many of you back in the spring and summer regarding this matter and we are reaching out again in hopes that perhaps circumstances might now allow for us to consider this once again. Contact Liz Harrell at [eharrell@elarc.org](mailto:eharrell@elarc.org) to discuss further.

### Check In Continues through February, 2021

As COVID – 19 continues to affect everyone’s lives, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) continues to support innovative and creative approaches to service delivery in response to changing needs and priorities of those served by the Regional Centers. DDS continues to provide information and training on Alternative Services as well as continues to update existing and release new directives at this time. Additionally, State and Local Public Health Guidances are updated frequently, including information about testing and vaccine distribution. Because information is still developing ELARC invites all service providers to join in this weekly discussion in order to stay informed and work together.

[View the flyer with the zoom link for the meeting here](#)

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