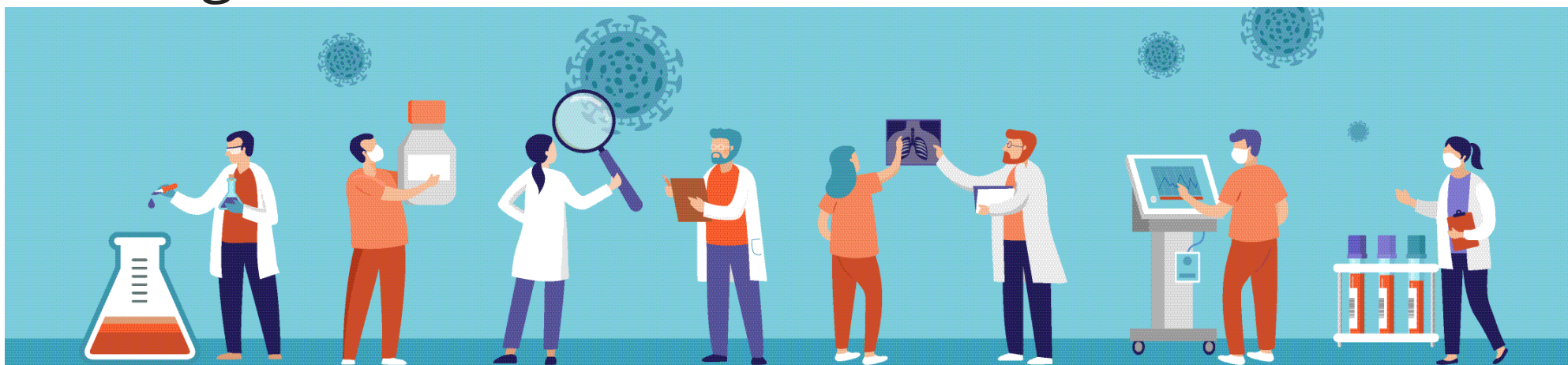




## Vaccines & Immunizations Home

# Training and Education



It's important healthcare professionals receive the training needed to effectively meet the demands of their roles. Training must be ongoing as new COVID-19 vaccines become available and as vaccine recommendations evolve when we learn more about the vaccines and how to improve the vaccination process.

## Who needs to be trained

A variety of healthcare professionals and personnel will be needed to implement COVID-19 vaccination efforts. These include:

- Experienced vaccinators
- Vaccinators who have not administered vaccines in the past 12 months or longer
- Medical support staff (not licensed to administer vaccines but can assist with vaccine preparation and cold chain management)
- Administrative support staff (can assist with cold chain management, data reporting, and distribution of required materials to vaccine recipients)

Training is important not only for those who will prepare and administer vaccine, but also for those responsible for other critical, mandatory functions, including protecting the vaccine cold chain, inputting required data, and ensuring vaccine recipients receive documentation of vaccination.

## Training recommendations

It is critical that healthcare professionals and personnel are familiar with the specific COVID-19 vaccine product(s) in their facility's inventory. Guidance for vaccine storage, handling, preparation, and administration may differ for each vaccine product. Therefore, all healthcare staff members need training in COVID-19 vaccination even if they are already administering routinely recommended vaccines. While many practices are the same for all vaccines, whenever a new vaccine is introduced to the U.S. market, there are nuances that healthcare professionals must become familiar with to ensure the vaccine is stored, handled, prepared, and administered correctly.

Vaccine manufacturers, CDC, other federal entities, public health agencies, and professional organizations provide a variety of training resources, including print materials, training modules, webinars, seminars, and videos. For healthcare professionals who will be preparing and administering vaccine, it is essential that training programs also include an

observation component and competency assessment. The following sections describe trainings and competencies healthcare professionals need based on their roles and experience to ensure the vaccine cold chain is protected and vaccines are administered safely to recipients.

## Trainings, Webinars, and Reference Materials



Training Programs and Reference Materials



Training Modules For COVID-19 Vaccination



COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Training



COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar Series



Strategies for Sharps Disposal Container Use During Supply Shortages



Safe and Proper Sharps Disposal During the COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Campaign

## Training Required by Professional Qualification

Find the training and core competencies you will need by clicking on your professional qualification below:

Healthcare professionals who have administered vaccine in the last 12 months

Healthcare professionals or retired (past 5 years) physicians, nurses, or practical nurses who are licensed/previously licensed to administer COVID-19 vaccine but have not done so in the last 12 months

Vaccination support workers (not licensed to administer vaccine) qualified to prepare, store, handle, or transport vaccine



Administration support staff qualified to store, handle, or transport vaccine

## Healthcare professionals who have administered vaccine in the last 12 months

COVID-19 Vaccine Training	Routine Vaccine Administration	Routine Vaccine Storage and Handling
<a href="#">CDC Training Module(s)</a> for the vaccine product(s) in your facility	If needed: <a href="#">You Call the Shots: Vaccine Administration</a> Or other vaccine administration training offered by a worksite, state or local health department, medical professional organization, or medical/nursing school within the last 12 months.	If needed: <a href="#">You Call the Shots: Vaccine Storage and Handling</a> Or other vaccine storage and handling training offered by a worksite, state or local health department, medical professional organization, or medical/nursing school within the last 12 months.

COVID-19 Vaccine Training	Routine Vaccine Administration	Routine Vaccine Storage and Handling
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Core Competencies:

- Relevant information contained in the [EUA Fact Sheet\(s\) for Healthcare Providers](#)  for the vaccine product(s) in your facility
- [Clinical considerations](#)
- [Storage and handling requirements](#)
- [Preparation requirements](#)
- [Administration requirements](#)
- [Anaphylaxis guidance](#)
- [Vaccination documentation and reporting requirements](#)
- [Required and additional information for vaccine recipients](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Competencies Assessment Form](#) 

Healthcare professionals or retired (past 5 years) physicians, nurses, or practical nurses who are licensed/previously licensed to administer COVID-19 vaccine but have not done so in the last 12 months



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<b>Core Competencies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relevant information contained in the <a href="#">EUA Fact Sheet(s) for Healthcare Providers</a>  for the vaccine product(s) in your facility</li><li><a href="#">Preparation requirements</a></li><li><a href="#">Storage and handling requirements</a></li><li><a href="#">Transport guidance</a></li><li><a href="#">Vaccination documentation and reporting requirements</a></li><li><a href="#">Required and additional information for vaccine recipients</a></li><li><a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Competencies Assessment Form</a> </li></ul>		

## Administration support staff qualified to store, handle, or transport vaccine

COVID-19 Vaccine Training	Routine Vaccine Administration	Routine Vaccine Storage and Handling
CDC Training Module(s) for the vaccine product(s) in your facility	n/a	Recommended if storing and handling vaccine: <a href="#">You Call the Shots: Vaccine Storage and Handling</a> Or other vaccine storage and handling training offered by a worksite, state or local health department, medical professional organization, or medical/nursing school within the last 12 months.
<b>Core Competencies Based on Role:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relevant information contained in the <a href="#">EUA Fact Sheet(s) for Healthcare Providers</a>  for the vaccine product(s) in your facility</li><li><a href="#">Storage and handling requirements</a></li><li><a href="#">Transport guidance</a></li><li><a href="#">Vaccination documentation and reporting requirements</a></li><li><a href="#">Required and additional information for vaccine recipients</a></li><li><a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Competencies Assessment Form</a> </li></ul>		

### Additional Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical & Professional Resources](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the Pandemic](#)
- [Patient Safety Checklist for Vaccination Clinics Held at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations](#) 

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- [National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine: Resources Page](#)
- [Vaccine Confidence Training \(American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists\)](#) 

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