



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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## **PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

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### **COVID-19 Vaccine Available for More Health Care Workers Providing Direct Care *Register for Appointment to Get Vaccine***

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department has expanded eligibility to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to health care workers who provide direct in-person services in the areas of:

- Specialty care (includes medical specialties and others such as optometry, occupational and physical therapy, chiropractic care and podiatry)
- Labs (includes blood banks)
- Dental care
- Pharmacies

This is in addition to those health care and community health workers already eligible, including:

- Emergency medical services (Paramedics and EMTs)
- Dialysis (staff and patients)
- Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and correctional facility clinics (jail and juvenile services center clinical personnel only)
- Urgent care clinics
- Home health care workers
- Intermediate care facility staff
- Community health workers who provide direct in-person services
- Public Health Department COVID-19 response clinicians and field staff
- Psychiatric Health Facility

Eligible individuals who provide direct in-person care in these areas are invited to sign up for an appointment to receive the vaccine from the Public Health Department.

Hospital staff and long-term care facility staff and patients are receiving the vaccine directly through their employers and pharmacy partnerships.

**Reserve an appointment** at: [www.emergencyslo.org/vaccineregistration](http://www.emergencyslo.org/vaccineregistration)

#### **Before your appointment:**

- Complete, print, and bring your vaccine registration form. This form is available when you register for your appointment.

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[www.slopublichealth.org](http://www.slopublichealth.org)

- Bring a photo ID and most recent paystub showing employer information. Note this documentation is **required**: you will not receive the vaccine if you do not bring both items, unless you receive specific approval prior to the appointment (such as for contract and traveling health care workers).

**At your appointment:**

- Remember to bring your completed vaccine registration form, photo ID and most recent paystub.
- Be prepared to spend up to one hour for the entire process. This includes registration, screening, vaccination, and an observation period.
- Wear short sleeves or other clothing that makes it easy to access your upper arm.
- Be prepared to sit outside for a 15-minute observation period after you receive your vaccine. (You may want to bring a jacket.)

Appointment times will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Any appointments that are not booked will be opened to other health care workers.

The Public Health Department encourages employers and medical groups to stagger vaccinations among employees and co-workers to minimize potential staffing impacts from side effects or adverse reactions.

**Please help share this message with your eligible staff.**

For more information on vaccine availability and the current status in SLO County, please visit [Emergencyslo.org/vaccines](https://www.emergencyslo.org/vaccines).