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## Vaccines for K-12 School Staff and Childcare Workers

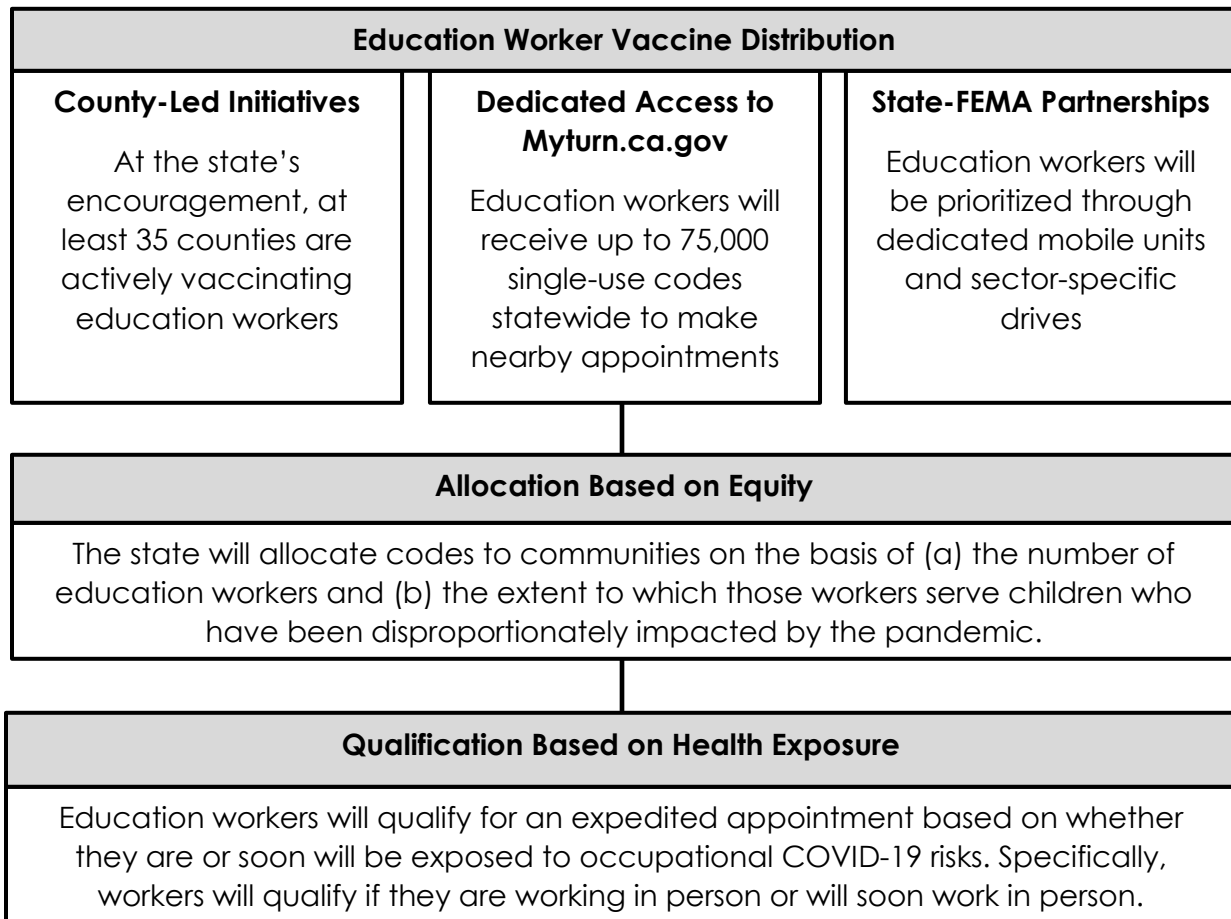
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Just over half of states currently authorize vaccines for K-12 school staff and childcare workers (hereinafter, "education workers"). California was among the first to prioritize education workers, which has been a [core component](#) of the Safe Schools for All Plan since December, and counties have been authorized to vaccinate education workers based on supply since the beginning of [January](#). At least 35 counties are in active progress or have successfully completed.

To further accelerate access, the Governor announced that a minimum of 10% of the state's vaccine supply would be dedicated to education workers. This amounts to an estimated 75,000 vaccines per week.

This document briefly summarizes the "**how.**" *First*, county-led initiatives should and will continue. *Second*, the state will host targeted drives at FEMA sites, including education worker days at Oakland Coliseum and CSU Los Angeles. *Third*, the state will supplement—not supplant—county initiatives by ensuring education workers receive dedicated access to the statewide [vaccine delivery network](#) where eligible Californians can make vaccine appointments using [myturn.ca.gov](#).

### Overview





## **Operational Summary of the K-12 Process**

To ensure the state's commitment is met, education workers will be distributed up to 75,000 single-use codes each week—each code corresponds to expedited access to one appointment at a nearby provider. The recipient will use the code to schedule an appointment on [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov).

The following is a summary of the process for K-12 school staff. Please note: This document, posted on the [Safe Schools Hub](#), is intended principally for the K-12 school community.

### **Step 1: Allocation by the State**

The state will calculate a proportional share of codes based on total [K-12 staff size](#) and [equity](#). The latter will be measured based on the [student population](#) (e.g., low-income students, English learners, foster youth), in order to prioritize safe reopenings for students disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Each week, a proportional share of codes will be distributed to each county office of education.

### **Step 2: Coordination by the County Office of Education**

County offices will help serve as the link between the state and school districts, charter schools, and private schools.

County offices of education will distribute the codes to school districts, charter schools, and private schools based on [qualifying](#) K-12 staff size and student equity.

Education workers will qualify for an expedited appointment if they:

- Are a teacher (including substitute teachers), paraprofessional, bus driver, food service worker, custodial service worker, site-based administrator, etc.;
- Are currently working in person or are scheduled to return in the next 21 days;
- Report to a school site, or work site supporting meal distribution or technological access for students.

Flexibility regarding the 21-day window will be permissible based on available supply and priority to accelerate school reopenings.

### **Step 3: Distribution by the School District, Charter School, or Private School**

When a school district, charter school, or private school receives a set of codes, they will distribute them to [qualifying](#) K-12 staff along with instructions furnished by the state.