



## K-12, Child-Care Employees Eligible For Vaccines Feb. 24th

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Governor Roy Cooper announced in a press conference Wednesday that educators, school personnel, and child-care workers would receive the greatest prioritization within the group of eligible frontline workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone working in-person as a child-care provider or in PreK-12 schools could receive the vaccine as early as February 24, while the vaccine would become available to other eligible essential workers beginning March 10th. In a [statement](#) released after the press conference, the Governor noted, “Because vaccine supply continues to be limited and the Group 3 population of frontline essential workers is so large, the state needs to move to the next group gradually.” He continued, “Those working in child care and schools, such as teachers, bus and van drivers, custodial and maintenance staff, and food service workers, will be eligible first.”

The NC School Superintendents Association (NCSSA), a core affiliate of the NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA), had sent a [letter to the Governor](#) on Monday on behalf of superintendents thanking the Governor for his leadership while also requesting a “coordinated vaccination plan for educators and school-based staff at the state and local level” to help schools reopen safely. While the Governor on Wednesday released his plan to vaccinate school and child-care personnel, a [guidance document](#) released the same day by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) warned, “Some vaccine providers may not be ready to open to frontline essential workers on these dates if they are still experiencing high demand for vaccines in Groups 1 and 2.” As of Wednesday, North Carolina had administered more than 1 million first doses of vaccine and more than 1.5 million total doses.

NCDHHS staff will meet with superintendents and charter school leaders Friday to discuss plans and logistics for making the vaccines available to education employees.

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