COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Guide
First Steps

- **SIREN** siren.illinois.gov
  - State of Illinois Rapid Electronic Notification System (SIREN) provides the tools and capacity for rapid, reliable, and secure web-based alerting as well as communication and organization-based health information sharing and collaboration. Siren is the emergency planning, alerting, and notification system for IDPH. It serves as a single central point for finding, creating, and sharing information. It also provides emergency preparation for federal, state and local offices. In short, SIREN is an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness, response, outbreak notification and investigation, and recovery.
  - IDPH SIREN Information Page - [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren)
  - Pharmacists Registration - [http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren/pharmacists](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren/pharmacists)

- **Illinois HELPS** illinoishelps.net
  - Illinois HELPS is a secure web-based system that establishes a robust registry of medical and non-medical volunteers. Illinois Helps connects healthcare professionals who wish to volunteer in the event of an emergency, pre-registers volunteers online, verifies the credentials of volunteers and ensures that volunteers are matched with their professional competencies.
  - Pharmacists, Students, Technicians Registration - [https://illinoishelps.net/agreement.php](https://illinoishelps.net/agreement.php)

- **Illinois COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccine Task Force** covidpharmil.org
  - IPhA, ICHP, SIUE, UIC, CVS, Hy-Vee, Jewel-Osco, Kroger, Mariano’s, Niemann Foods, Walgreens, and Walmart have teamed together to form the Illinois COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccine Task Force. We are collaborating with the Illinois Department of Public Health in developing strategies for the deployment of pharmacy personnel for vaccine administration. We need your help.
  - If your organization is interested in joining the Task Force, please contact the IPhA office.
  - Pharmacists, Students, Technicians Registration - [https://covidpharmil.org/register](https://covidpharmil.org/register)

- **VaccineFinder and MedFinder**
  - VaccineFinder shows clinics, health departments and pharmacies that offer vaccinations. MedFinder shows pharmacies that offer flu medication.
  - Pharmacies Registration - [https://locating.health/register](https://locating.health/register)
I-CARE Resources

- **I-CARE**
  - Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE) is a web-based immunization record-sharing application developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The application allows public and private healthcare providers to share the immunization records of Illinois residents with other physicians statewide.
  - I-CARE Information Page - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/immunization/icare](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/immunization/icare)

- **Web Portal User Agreement** - [https://wpur.dph.illinois.gov/WPUR/](https://wpur.dph.illinois.gov/WPUR/)
  - For a new agreement, you will need to list your Portal Registry Authority (PRA) as *IDPH / DPH SECURITY*.

- **Provider Site Enrollment Agreement** - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/icare-provider-111517.pdf](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/icare-provider-111517.pdf)

- **Individual User Agreement** - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/icare-provider-111517.pdf](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/icare-provider-111517.pdf)

- Immunization data submitted to I-CARE must be in the HL7 format. [Click Here](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/icare-provider-111517.pdf) for the IDPH Implementation Guide for HL7 Immunization Messaging.

- **List of Local Health Departments** - [http://www.idph.state.il.us/IDPHPrograms/V_LHDDirectory/Show-V-LHDDirectory-Public.aspx](http://www.idph.state.il.us/IDPHPrograms/V_LHDDirectory/Show-V-LHDDirectory-Public.aspx)

- **Contacts for I-CARE**
  - April Caulk – I-CARE Program Manager ([dph.icare@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.icare@illinois.gov))
  - Illinois Department of Public Health Immunization Program
    525 W. Jefferson St.
    Springfield, IL 62761
    Phone: 217-785-1455
    Fax: 217-524-0967

Box A: Register for I-CARE
1. Apply for web portal access.
2. Establish your portal registration authority (PRA) and complete the Provider Enrollment Form for each site/location.
3. I-CARE staff review/approve and establishes the new site within I-CARE.
4. Once site is active, provider (site) determines a limited number of staff who need access to I-CARE (DON, office manager, vaccine manager) to access and enter/manage data, each would apply for web portal access and complete the individual user agreement.
5. Complete I-CARE new user training located in I-CARE.

Box B: After I-CARE access, proceed to COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment
1. Vaccine program staff will initiate access to COVID tab for provider (site).
2. Located within I-CARE, under “COVID” tab and complete enrollment process.
3. Complete vaccine provider training located in I-CARE.
4. Vaccine program staff will review.
5. If approved, ID/PIN will be assigned.
6. Once vaccine is available, ordering of COVID-19 vaccine takes place within I-CARE.

Questions, please email dph.icare@illinois.gov
Illinois Resources

- Illinois COVID-19 Vaccination Plan – Version 3.0 -
  https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/IL%20COVID-
  19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20V%203.0%2012.5.20.pdf

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<td>Phase 1a</td>
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<td>Health Care Personnel: Health care personnel are defined as paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. E.g. Clinicians such as physicians, respiratory technicians, dentists &amp; hygienists. Other workers such as EMS, nursing assistants, environmental services, assisted living facility staff, long term care staff, group home care staff &amp; home care givers. Long Term Care Facility Residents: Defined as adults who reside in facilities that provide a variety of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently. Phase 1b is pending ACIP recommendations, possible groups could include; Essential Frontline workers: Includes those workers who are essential for the functioning of society, such as police, firefighters (including volunteer firefighters), national guard acting in the capacity of a first responder, education sector, food &amp; agriculture (e.g. Meat processing plant), utilities, corrections officers, transportation. This includes those who must work in person, remote working is still encouraged to ensure vaccine is provided for those most at risk. Phase 1c is pending ACIP recommendations, possible groups could include;</td>
<td>Adults with high risk medical conditions. Adults 65+.</td>
<td>All other adults not included in Phase 1. People in other congregate settings not previously mentioned.</td>
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| Chicago Est. Pop. | 177,433 | 248,791 | 648,010 | 792,525 | 1,099,252 |

![Restore Illinois Plan](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t000000BadS0AAJ?operati onContext=S1)

**RESTORE ILLINOIS**

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

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<td>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open. Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</td>
<td>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery. Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating &amp; fishing while practicing social distancing.</td>
<td>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barber shops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</td>
<td>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</td>
<td>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</td>
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• **Coronavirus Response Site** - [https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/)

• **Illinois COVID-19 Awareness Dashboard** - [https://wiu-gis-center_maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0qBle2OgVmqAfzhGDPtavQte9pSmaBkLwFrA0E3VwccG1xKMtgxQFQM#/8ef833c7ed254fd48fe07266f96e0f70](https://wiu-gis-center_maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0qBle2OgVmqAfzhGDPtavQte9pSmaBkLwFrA0E3VwccG1xKMtgxQFQM#/8ef833c7ed254fd48fe07266f96e0f70)

**Department of Public Health (IDPH)**

• **IDPH Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Site** - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19)

• **IDPH Regional COVID-19 Metrics** - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=1](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=1)

• **IDPH Contact Tracing** - [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/contact-tracing](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/contact-tracing)
  - Contact Tracing Interest Form - [https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=KWKL93TM7](https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=KWKL93TM7)

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)**

FDA Resources

  - Emergency Use Authorization
    - Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine - [https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download)
    - Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers - [https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download)
    - FDA Decision Memo - [https://www.fda.gov/media/144416/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/144416/download)

- **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**
  - FDA Briefing Document - [https://www.fda.gov/media/144434/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/144434/download)
CDC Resources

  - ACIP Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020 - [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950e2.htm?s_cid=mm6950e2_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950e2.htm?s_cid=mm6950e2_w)

- **ACIP Interim Recommendation for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine** - [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6949e1.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6949e1.htm)
- **Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)** - [https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html](https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html)
• **LTC Pharmacy Partnership** - [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html)


CMS Resources

HHS Resources

  - Vaccine Distribution Process - [https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ows-vaccine-distribution-process.pdf](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ows-vaccine-distribution-process.pdf)

- **Expansion of Scope of Practice**
  - HHS’s guidance authorizes pharmacy technicians and state-authorized pharmacy interns to administer childhood and COVID-19 vaccines and tests. (October 20) - [https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/prep-act-guidance.pdf](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/prep-act-guidance.pdf)
  - HHS’s announcement, HHS Amends PREP Act Declaration, modifies and clarifies the pharmacist training requirement and the pharmacist, pharmacy intern and pharmacy technician CPR requirement. (December 3) - [https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/12/03/hhs-amends-prep-act-declaration-including-expand-access-covid-19-countermeasures-telehealth.html](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/12/03/hhs-amends-prep-act-declaration-including-expand-access-covid-19-countermeasures-telehealth.html)
### APhA Resources


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<td>The <strong>pharmacist</strong> must complete the immunization training requirement in their state. If the licensing state does not specify training, an ACPE-approved practical training program of at least 20 hours is required and should include hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. <strong>Resources:</strong> APhA’s <a href="https://www.pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/audience/APhACOVIDAuthoritytoImmunize_1220_web.pdf">Certificate Training Program for Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery</a> meets this requirement.</td>
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<td>Pharmacy Intern and Technician Training Requirement</td>
<td>The <strong>intern</strong> and <strong>technician</strong> must complete an ACPE-approved practical training program that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. For training inquires, please reach out to <a href="mailto:education@aphanet.org">education@aphanet.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Requirement</td>
<td>The <strong>pharmacist</strong>, <strong>intern</strong>, and <strong>technician</strong> must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (An online basic CPR certification program accredited by ACPE, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education satisfies this requirement).</td>
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*Note:* All links are provided for information purposes only.
NCPA Resources


- **NCPA COVID Vaccine Information Page** - https://ncpa.org/covid-vaccine


- **NCPA “No Excuses” Immunization Toolkit** - https://ncpa.org/no-excuses-vaccination-toolkit
  - 5 steps for independent pharmacies to start a vaccine program - https://www.mckesson.com/Blog/Five-Steps-for-Independent-Pharmacies-to-Start-a-Vaccine-Program/
  - How to make immunizations a pharmacy profit center - https://www.pbahealth.com/how-to-make-immunizations-a-pharmacy-profit-center/

ASHP Resources


