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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about

# Contacting Consumers Regarding Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccination

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## What to Know

For individuals age 65 and older, your regional center is going to contact you and your family to help you get the vaccine as soon as possible.

High-risk individuals who are 16 to 64 years old should be eligible to receive the vaccine after March 15, 2021.

## What's Changing

To help protect people 65 and older who may not already be vaccinated, regional centers will be contacting them and/or their caregivers to:

- Give information on how to schedule an appointment and where to get the vaccine
- Give options for help in getting the vaccine
- Talk about vaccine safety, such as from the Department's [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Ask if, and when, you already got the vaccine



Starting March 15, 2021, healthcare providers may be able to vaccinate individuals who are 16-64 years old who have the very highest risk for getting very sick or dying from COVID-19.

For a list of specific qualifying health conditions, [read the full directive](#) from DDS. This information may change as scientists learn more.

Please note that just because you are eligible to get the vaccine, it does not mean you will get it right away. There is a limited supply of vaccines right now.

## Questions?

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email [DDSC19@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19@dds.ca.gov).

## Learn More

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