



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Provider:

For purposes of COVID-19 vaccination program planning, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health defines a Direct Support Professionals (DSP) as individuals who provide face-to-face services at a care facility or community home for individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism or behavioral health needs. DSP are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination under phase 1A of vaccine distribution.

**If you are a Philadelphia resident**, you may request an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by signing-up on the City's vaccine interest form available here:

<https://www.phila.gov/vaccineinterest>

DSP should check "Long-term care facility staff" or "Home health care" depending on their primary location of work.

**If you are a non-Philadelphia resident**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has required all hospitals, FQHCs, and pharmacies outside of Philadelphia to make 10% of their vaccine available to unaffiliated HCW in Phase 1A. Local county or municipal health departments may also be offering vaccination clinics to healthcare personnel not affiliated with a hospital or health system. Check with these providers to determine opportunities in your area. Vaccine is provided free by all providers and you may not be charged a co-pay or deductible if your insurance is being billed. This letter of invitation is not transferrable and must not be shared with persons not eligible for vaccination under Phase 1A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Farley".

Thomas Farley, MD, MPH  
Health Commissioner