**September 9, 2022**

Here are the latest resources for promoting COVID-19 vaccination to share with your colleagues

and networks across Massachusetts. If you received this from a colleague, [**subscribe today**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9wFTcRU/VEIWeeklyRoundup?source_id=fdb61227-df90-47c1-b9b9-e428a7939051&source_type=em&c)**.**

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**What's New**

# VACCINATIONS CONTINUE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

There's still time to add COVID-19 vaccination to your back-to-school checklist!

Being vaccinated reduces children's risk of becoming very sick, missing school or day care, or needing a family member to miss work to care for them. [**Learn more.**](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine)

Throughout September, DPH is providing 170+ options for free COVID-19 vaccination clinics. [**Find a clinic near you.**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/prepare-for-back-to-school-with-free-covid-19-vaccination-clinics)

**NEW!** Help spread the word with a [**customizable flyer**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/4169b0ab-1c37-49c5-b1e8-79fa0357ab20.pdf)! Click in the flyer's footer to add your organization's logo or clinic details.

Other materials are also available:

[**Flyers**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/prepare-for-back-to-school-with-free-covid-19-vaccination-clinics#flyers-)(in 12 languages)

Graphics for [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/MassDPH/status/1557756272883146757/photo/1)and [**Facebook**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/7198a387-c5a2-4d1c-a3ba-94bc4c47446c.jpg?rdr=true)[**Flyer**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/0f11e5b6-db32-4c84-9c47-05750072d353.pdf)for teachers and school staff

# UPDATED BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE IN MA

Updated COVID-19 boosters were recently authorized by the FDA and recommended

**BECOME A VACCINE CHAMPION: LEARN STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING**

**CONFIDENCE IN THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

DPH and several partners are offering an upcoming training to help you improve confidence in COVID-19 vaccines.

Meetings are free, and all are welcome. Register for [**September 20**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIldOyvrjMqEtR2pPTUDlRisjM64f3NbPcD).

Please share! Flyers available

in [**English**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/365ba0ea-b882-4c70-91d7-6e33fa753502.pdf), [**Spanish**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/fe998f19-9a60-4ba4-8d95-acca1f71a3bc.pdf), and [**Portuguese**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/6e052e57-c750-4397-9d1e-6c05a73044bb.pdf).

**FOR PROVIDERS: SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES IN ADMINISTERING COVID-19**

**Reminders**

by the CDC for people ages 12 and older.

They are now available in Massachusetts.

Visit [**vaxfinder.mass.gov**](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov/)to make an appointment. More appointments will be added as shipments arrive.

**NEW REPORT: HIGH VACCINATION RATES IN MA HELPED PREVENT COVID**

**DEATHS**

As reported in the [***Boston Globe***](https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/08/23/metro/high-levels-immunity-with-covid-19-vaccines-have-helped-avoid-excess-mortality-mass-study-says/), a recent [***Lancet***](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099%2822%2900547-3/fulltext#%20)[**study**](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099%2822%2900547-3/fulltext#%20)showed that Massachusetts’ levels of immunity due to high COVID-19 vaccination rates helped residents avoid deaths during two surges in the pandemic (late February–June in 2021 and 2022).

# VACCINES TO CHILDREN

On September 28, the Massachusetts Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) is hosting a meeting for medical professionals to discuss the successes and challenges of administering COVID-19 vaccines to children in their practices. The meeting is open to members and non-members, and there will be ample time for questions and

discussion. [**Learn more**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/3084ba07-eb0f-4816-9b77-790efd5e9afc.pdf), and [**register here**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkc-ygrzIpG9byQ4Sn8w30UZW8CTROttJa).

# FREE COVID-19 TREATMENTS AVAILABLE — NOW WITH NEW PHONE OPTION FOR TELEHEALTH!

[**Free, safe, and effective treatments for COVID-19** are available across MA. The](https://www.mass.gov/get-treated-for-covid-19)y can help prevent hospitalizations and reduce the risk of severe disease.

Telehealth consultations are **now available via phone**, in addition to online. Consultations can be accessed in 10+ languages.

Several resources are available to help promote these treatments:

[**Telehealth flyer**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/free-telehealth-for-covid-19-treatment-with-paxlovid#covid-19-treatment-flyers-)(in English, Haitian Creole, Khmer, Spanish, and Portuguese)

Shareable [**video and fact sheet**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/treatments-for-covid-19#sharable-video-and-fact-sheet-)[**Videos**](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL54knlBH64ADmljPmWxWuyryqGagaAe9U)with local physicians discussing treatment options (in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole)

Learn more about [**how to access treatment,**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/treatments-for-covid-19#how-to-access-therapeutic-treatments-)including telehealth and in-home options.

# COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS AND OLDER

Several materials are available to help promote COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 6 months+:

[**Fact sheet**](https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/PROG-BID/CV27.html)(12 languages) DPH [**social media graphic**](https://twitter.com/MassDPH/status/1547612896984645632)

[**FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/vei-flyer-frequently-asked-questions-about-the-covid-19-vaccine-for-children-6-months-to-5-years)re: children 6 months+ in

multiple languages

[**Messages**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/vei-flyer-messages-about-covid-19-vaccination-for-children-6-months-to-5-years-old)for children 6 months+ in multiple languages

[Short **video about vaccine safety and efficacy** (in English and Span](http://mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccinations-for-children-ages-6-months-to-4-years-old#videos-)ish)

**Key Resources**

# OUTREACH AND EDUCATION MATERIALS

[**COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions)

[**COVID-19 Therapeutic Information**](https://www.mass.gov/get-treated-for-covid-19)(including [**telehealth**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/free-telehealth-for-covid-19-treatment-with-paxlovid)) [**Weekly Provider Bulletin**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-program-mcvp-guidance-for-vaccine-providers-and-organizations#weekly-provider-bulletins-)(latest edition published 9/7/22)

[**Trust the Facts, Get the Vax Campaign Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/trust-the-facts-get-the-vax-campaign-materials)(organized by audience, including general, parents and pregnant people, youth, young adults; available in 12 languages) [**Multilingual COVID-19 Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/multilingual-covid-19-materials)(videos and printables; organized by language) [**COVID-19 Funeral Assistance from FEMA**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-funeral-assistance)(including [**one-pager with key info**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-funeral-assistance#fema-funeral-assistance-website-%26-faq-)available in multiple languages)

[**COVID-19 Vaccination Tools for Employers**](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-vaccination-tools-for-employers)

[**Archive of COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Updates**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/archive-of-covid-19-vaccine-communications-updates)(past editions of VEI Roundup)

# FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER

[**Mass.gov/KidsClinic**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/prepare-for-back-to-school-with-free-covid-19-vaccination-clinics#clinic-schedule-)(family-friendly clinics through September)

[**Vaccine Finder**](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/)

[**Find, Schedule, or Sign Up for a Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination**](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-mobile-vaccinations)[**COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program)

[**Request a Copy of Your Vaccine Card**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record)

**Recent Highlights**

**Methuen**

In Methuen, [**Melita Farm**](https://www.melitafarms.org/)**s** hosts a weekly clinic at their farm stand in partnership with the Vaccine Equity Initiative, the Methuen Health and Human Services Department, and Cataldo Ambulance. On August 27, Melita Farms held a back-to-school clinic with bouncy houses, games, and a backpack giveaway (*see photo*). 42 vaccines were administered, including 18 first doses. Since June, 251 vaccines have been administered at Melita Farms, including 68 first doses. They will host two more large family-friendly events at their clinics this fall.

[**Read More Highlights**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-highlights)

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[**Visit the VEI Website**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative)

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