



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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Dear Child Care Program Provider,

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) recognizes the vital role that child care providers and their staff play in the support of Georgia's children and families, especially during the current public health crisis. DECAL also recognizes the important role of the child care industry in the economic stability of the state, and we are happy the Governor included child care workers in the most recent round of people eligible for the vaccine.

Any employee of a DECAL licensed, or license-exempt program, or a Georgia's Pre-K Programs is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine as of March 8, 2021. Individuals must register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, and information for locations and COVID-19 appointment registration, can be found at:

<https://myvaccinegeorgia.com/> or [www.dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine](http://www.dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine).

After receiving the vaccine, continued mitigation measures should still be used to prevent spread of the virus. This includes using masks indoors, maintaining six feet between individuals, contact tracing, and continuing to work with your local health department. Additional child care guidance can be found on the DECAL website in our updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document at: <http://www.decals.ga.gov/documents/attachments/faqscoronaexternal3-8-21.pdf>

Sincerely,

Pam Stevens  
Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services