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Dear Resource Families,

Vaccine eligibility has been expanded to “emergency services” and this includes resource parents with Resource Family Approved homes and RFA FFA certified family homes providing emergency or short-term foster care.

Appointments may be scheduled through [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or via healthcare providers such as Kaiser Permanente. Select the category “emergency services” when scheduling an appointment. Kaiser does not require membership in order to be vaccinated. Appointments may be made via [kp.org](https://kp.org). You may also access vaccination through [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://VaccinateLACounty.com).

Resource parents may present their DCFS or FFA-issued Resource Family Approval certificate to prove eligibility. In addition, state vaccination criteria now includes people ages 16 to 64 who have underlying health conditions or disabilities that put them at the highest risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19.

These conditions include:

- Cancer, with a current weakened immune system
- Chronic kidney disease, stage 4 or above
- Chronic pulmonary disease, oxygen dependent
- Down syndrome
- Solid organ transplant, leading to a weakened immune system
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (but not hypertension)
- Severe obesity with a BMI of more than 40
- Type 2 diabetes with A1c level greater than 7.5%
- Those with severe disabilities or illness if:
  - The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection
  - Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual’s ability to get ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival
  - Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual’s disability.



Please visit <https://bit.ly/3tpjOPx> for more information.

Los Angeles County residents with disabilities or without computer access may call 833-540-0473 between 8 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. seven days a week for assistance with appointments. Visit the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website for more information at <https://bit.ly/2Qedc8n>.

Thank you,

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Los Angeles County

