

COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINE UPDATES FOR SCHOOLS

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COVID TESTING REQUIREMENTS BY ZONE

RED ZONE

COVID-19 TESTING IN SCHOOLS

- SCHOOLS CAN CONTRACT WITH A LABORATORY OR HEALTHCARE FACILITY TO CONDUCT COVID-19 TESTING OF STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDING/TEACHING IN PERSON.
- SCHOOLS MUST HAVE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO CONDUCT TESTS ON STUDENTS AT SCHOOL, OR FOR A CONTRACTOR TO DO SO.
- SCHOOLS DOING THEIR OWN TESTING MUST HAVE A LIMITED LABORATORY CERTIFICATE, AND APPROPRIATE PPE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL HEALTH PERSONNEL CONDUCTING COVID-19 TESTS, AND STAFF ARE TRAINED TO CONDUCT SUCH TESTS.
- TESTS CONDUCTED BY A SCHOOL MUST BE REPORTED ON ECLRS:

[HTTPS://WWW.HEALTH.NY.GOV/PROFESSIONALS/REPORTABLE_DISEASES/ECLRS/](https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/reportable_diseases/eclrs/)

COVID-19 TESTING CONTACT INFORMATION

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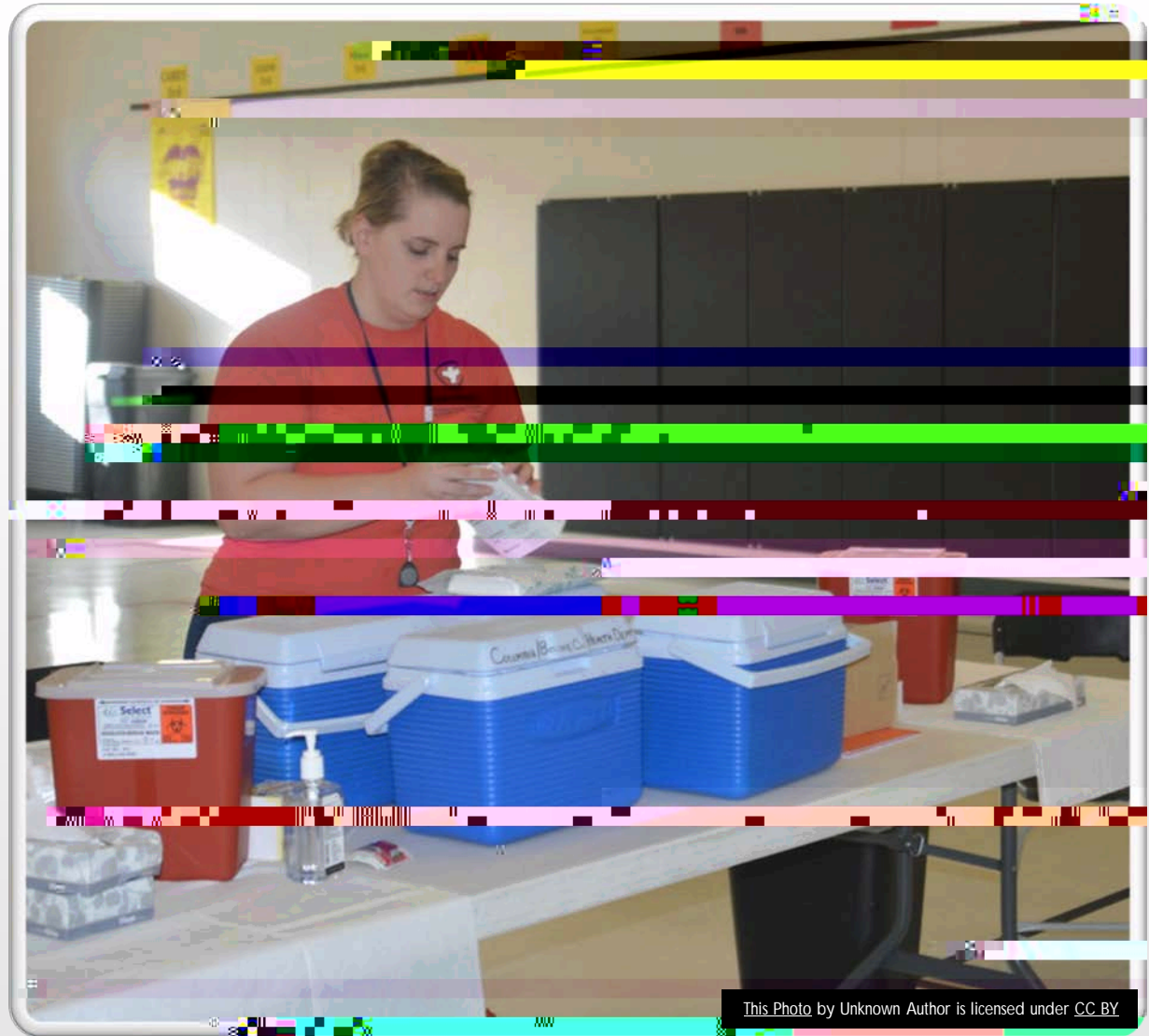


COVID-19 VACCINES

- ELIGIBILITY FOR THE VACCINE IS DETERMINED BY NYSDOH. PLEASE SEE THEIR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://COVID19VACCINE.HEALTH.NY.GOV/PHASED-DISTRIBUTION-VACCINE#PHASE-1A---PHASE-1B](https://COVID19VACCINE.HEALTH.NY.GOV/PHASED-DISTRIBUTION-VACCINE#PHASE-1A---PHASE-1B)
- ELIGIBLE PERSONS MUST COMPLETE THE REQUIRED FORM: [HTTPS://FORMS.NY.GOV/S3/VACCINE](https://FORMS.NY.GOV/S3/VACCINE)
- BRING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. WHEN YOU GO TO YOUR VACCINATION SITE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT, YOU MUST BRING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY. THIS MAY INCLUDE AN EMPLOYEE ID CARD, A LETTER FROM AN EMPLOYER OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION, OR A PAY STUB, DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC PRIORITY STATUS. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE DUE TO AGE, YOU SHOULD BRING A FORM OF ID (LIKE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PASSPORT) THAT INCLUDES YOUR DATE OF BIRTH. YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE A [CLINICAL QUESTIONNAIRE](#) FORM AT THE TIME OF YOUR APPOINTMENT.
- APPOINTMENTS FOR SECOND DOSES WILL BE MADE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST APPOINTMENT.

VACCINE CONSIDERATIONS

- STAFFING
- CONSENTS
- EQUIPMENT
- STORAGE
- DOCUMENTATION/REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS
- EMERGENCY REACTION PLANNING



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VACCINE CONSIDERATIONS

- **MODERNA VACCINE:** APPROVED FOR AGES 18 +. THAW THE VIALS FOR 2.5 HOURS IN A REFRIGERATOR SET BETWEEN 36 AND 46 DEGREES. THEN REST THEM AT ROOM TEMPERATURE FOR 15 MINUTES. DO NOT REFREEZE. SWIRL GENTLY BETWEEN EACH WITHDRAWAL. DO NOT SHAKE. INSPECT EACH VIAL FOR PARTICULATE MATTER OR DISCOLORATION. AND T



COVID-19 VACCINES CONT'D.

- [HTTPS://CORONAVIRUS.HEALTH.NY.GOV/C
OVID-19-VACCINATION-PROVIDER-
STORAGE-AND-HANDLING](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccination-provider-storage-and-handling)
- [INFORMATION FOR HEALTHCARE
PROVIDERS | DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
\(NY.GOV\)](#)
- [COVID-19 VACCINATION | CDC](#)
- QUESTIONS:
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