

Guidance for The New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Program **Effective March 17, 2021**

Purpose and Background: Limited amounts of COVID-19 vaccine are available for New York's COVID-19 Vaccination Program. The amount of vaccine the state receives is based upon the allocation made to New York by the federal government. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) then determines state allocations to providers and entities who have enrolled to administer vaccine.

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Pharmacies must continue to vaccinate individuals age 60 and older, and prioritize **P-12 school faculty and staff**, and **childcare worker** per federal guidance, however are **now authorized to vaccinate individuals 18 years and older with comorbidities or underlying conditions**. All providers must make efforts to vaccinate the most vulnerable New Yorkers, including those with **comorbidities or underlying conditions**, and **individuals 60+**.