

FAQs CONCERNING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

1. Is the Diocese of Oakland administering COVID-19 vaccinations to employees or volunteers?

No. The Diocese of Oakland does not have the vaccines or qualified medical staff to administer the vaccines. Vaccinations must be arranged currently through your health care provider or through the county health department in which you reside or work. Several pertinent websites are as follows:

Contra Costa County:

Central Website: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/vaccine>

Phases of Distribution: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/distribution-phases>

Vaccination Sign Up: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated>

Alameda County:

Central Website: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines>

Form for vaccination notification:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/44974350ffd14f288b03b029f2486ba8>

2. Is the Diocese of Oakland requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for employees or volunteers present on parish, school or other premises owned or leased?

No, but the Diocese of Oakland strongly recommends its employees and volunteers get vaccinated. The California Dept. of Public Health's most recent advice (1/14/21) states: "CDPH strongly recommends that all persons eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines receive them at the first opportunity. Currently, persons under 16 are not eligible for the vaccine since trials for that group are still underway."

3. Are employees or volunteers of the Diocese of Oakland required to provide evidence they were vaccinated to work or volunteer?

No, though employees and volunteers are strongly encouraged to provide written proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination will remain confidential, kept in personnel files or similar locations.

4. Can a person vaccinated still transmit the COVID-19 virus?

Health scientists continue to study this question. Despite being vaccinated, in the coming months, employees and volunteers will still be required to wear masks and socially distance when interacting with others.

5. What if I am pregnant or there is some other medical concern about vaccination?

You should consult with your doctor. Vaccinations are strongly recommended but may not be medically advisable for certain people.

6. My priority to get vaccinated is because I'm an essential worker. If asked, how do I prove it?

Principals will prepare a letter verifying your employment at the school, should this be required by the county.

7. I don't live in the county where I work. Can I still get vaccinated in a county where I work?

Some counties may also allow you to sign up if you work in that county but do not live there. However, there are no consistent policies statewide, and this has been left to each county.