



Massachusetts
School Nurse Organization, Inc.

Governor Charlie Baker
Massachusetts State House, Beacon St #280
Boston, MA 02133

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Dear Governor Baker,

Thank you for including School Nurses in Phase 1 of the COVID vaccine roll-out timeline (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine>). The MA School Nurse Organization (MSNO) strongly supports COVID-19 vaccine early access for School Nurses because they:

- are frontline healthcare providers in the school setting, assessing students and staff with COVID-like symptoms when present during the school day,
- are performing COVID-19 antigen and PCR testing in the school setting, and
- will be administering COVID-19 vaccine for school staff and other adults during school-based and/or community-wide mass vaccination clinics.

In order to ensure that School Nurses will be able and ready to administer vaccines to their communities, MSNO has 2 requests:

1. All local boards of health officials providing vaccination include MA School Nurses as soon as possible per the [state guidelines](#).
2. [State-run clinics](#), currently available for EMS, Fire, and Police, should be available to School Nurses who work in municipalities where local boards of health are not providing COVID vaccine, and school nurses are not able to access the vaccine through a local hospital or Medical Reserve Corps.

We appreciate your support as we continue to collaborate with state and local leadership for the health and safety of all students across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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