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PreK-12 School Personnel and Child Care Workers Become Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine Feb. 24

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. Feb. 10, 2021 — Governor Roy Cooper announced Feb. 10 that childcare workers, educators and school personnel in pre-K through grade 12, including private and charter schools, will be eligible to receive a COVID vaccine beginning Feb. 24. Other frontline essential workers listed in Group 3 will become eligible Mar. 10.

“This gradual approach will allow the state to balance the number of people in Group 3 with the limited supply,” Cooper said. “Educators and childcare providers will be the first members of Group 3 eligible to receive the vaccine. They have worked throughout this pandemic.”

Orange County Health Department will work with the two public school systems, private and charter schools and childcare providers within the county to develop a plan to vaccinate eligible staff. More information about the process will be available soon on the Orange County website.

Orange County continues to register individuals in Groups 1 and 2 (healthcare workers and long-term care providers and anyone 65 or older). The county will announce its plans for registering the other essential frontline workers from Group 3 soon.

“Moving to the next phase is good news,” Cooper said. “The challenge continues to be the very limited supply of vaccine. We are continuing to push for more.”

Related Links

- NCDHHS Deeper Dive- Group 3 Frontline Essential Worker:
<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/find-your-spot-take-your-shot/deeper-dive-group-3>
- NCDHHS Group 3: Child Care/Pre-K-12:
<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/vaccines/Deeper-Dive-Moving-to-Group-3.pdf>
- Orange County Health Department’s Vaccine Page:
www.orangecountync.gov/getyourshot

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