



Given the evolving nature of the pandemic, OSHA is in the process of reviewing and updating this document. These materials may no longer represent current OSHA recommendations and guidance. For the most up-to-date information, consult Protecting Workers Guidance.

Keeping Workers Safe at COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

Your safety is important. Whether you are administering COVID-19 vaccinations in a traditional healthcare setting or a pop-up vaccination site, follow OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens standard to prevent sharps injuries:

- Wear all necessary PPE for protection from coronavirus, human blood, and other potentially infectious material.
- Use Sharps with Engineered Sharps Injury Protections and other safer needle devices such as retractable and self-sheathing needles.
- Do NOT pass used sharps between workers.
- Do NOT recap, shear, or break contaminated needles.
- Use sharps containers that are closable, puncture-resistant, leak-proof, and biohazard labeled and/or color-coded.
- Place sharps containers nearby and immediately dispose of contaminated sharps into containers.



- Report safety and health concerns, including needlestick injuries, immediately to your supervisor.
- Everyone administering vaccines must be trained according to OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) and provided additional training as needed.

Always remember to maintain distance between workstations, require patients receiving a vaccination to wear a face covering, and continually clean work surfaces between patients.

