

**NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND THE COVID-19 VACCINATION**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

1. **Q:** Do athletic trainers qualify as category 1A healthcare personnel in the state of NJ COVID-19 vaccination plan?

**A:** Yes, as licensed healthcare professionals, athletic trainers are considered 1A healthcare personnel.

- The ATSNJ has contacted Governor Murphy's office and the response was clear that as licensed healthcare professionals, athletic trainers can receive the vaccine
- In the event you are denied the vaccination, contact ATSNJ President Kevin Briles directly at [kbriles@atsnj.org](mailto:kbriles@atsnj.org) or 609-418-9502 with specifics.

2. **Q:** How can I schedule an appointment to receive the vaccination?

**A:** There are various ways to schedule an appointment.

- Contact your employer health care service coordinator or direct supervisor to see if they can be of assistance.
- Contact your local or county health department
- For a list of locations:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZSfl\\_kBfCzJIQPQfA3YuFh1AeGwx7YcG/view?fbclid=IwAR3yPi2WuJYJ0zLvlhViBggjOiHy7204emSGXBlgNbuy78NpcwmNhoGJb8](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZSfl_kBfCzJIQPQfA3YuFh1AeGwx7YcG/view?fbclid=IwAR3yPi2WuJYJ0zLvlhViBggjOiHy7204emSGXBlgNbuy78NpcwmNhoGJb8)
- Visit the Shoprite COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Scheduling website:  
<https://shoprite.reportsonline.com/shopritesched/program/Immunizations/Patient/Advisory>
- If working in a college or university, contact your school health center

3. **Q:** What information can help me successfully schedule an appointment to receive the vaccination?

**A:** It is important you use the proper terminology when scheduling your appointment.

- Immediately state you are a licensed healthcare provider. (make sure license is current in the event visual proof or a copy is requested)
- Mention to the scheduler that you work under the direction of a physician
- To avoid being considered 1B personnel, try not to reveal you work in a "school", instead use terms such as "sports medicine clinic" or "athletic training clinic". If "school" is questioned, ensure to make it known that your position as a healthcare provider or medical personnel will require you to have direct contact with patients/athletes

**4. Q:** What are some ways to prove I am a healthcare provider?

**A:** The following items may be requested by the vaccine provider but will also serve as proof. You may not need all of them as most have only needed their state issued license, but having them at the ready can only help.

- Bring a copy of your New Jersey Athletic Training License. (Ensure that is current!)
- A National Provider Identifier # (NPI#) with the proper taxonomy code may also help.
  - Don't have an NIP# yet? Go to [CMS National Plan & Provider Enumeration System](#) and complete the application. The proper taxonomy code is 2255A2300X - SPECIALIST/TECHNOLOGIST - ATHLETIC TRAINER
- Bring a copy of your signed plan of care
- Bring a copy of your pay stub
- Bring your work ID – especially if it states that you are an athletic trainer

**5. Q:** Are athletic training students (not student volunteers or club members) eligible for the vaccine as category 1A personnel?

**A:** Yes. Athletic training students in a clinical rotation/internship should stress that they are providing healthcare services to patients under the direct supervision of a licensed healthcare provider. Proof they can provide may include but is not limited to:

- A signed letter from their clinical/education coordinator
- their school ID
- clinical site ID
- A copy of their transcript showing that they are in a healthcare major.

**Additional information can be found on the ATSNJ COVID-19 Information Resource Page:**

<https://www.atsnj.org/covid19>