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## **COVID-19 Vaccine Now Offered to All in Priority Group D**

*Group Includes Teachers, College Staff & Funeral Workers*

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Health today announced that the remainder of those in priority group D – teachers, childcare workers, college staff, college students, and funeral workers – are now eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine through Phase I vaccinators.

*“Given South Dakota’s strong position on vaccination efforts and the increased points of access for vaccine distribution and administration, we are happy to fully open up Phase D starting today,” said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health. “Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is a significant step in getting back to normal, and I encourage those eligible to schedule their vaccination today.”*

Over the past few weeks, South Dakota has been making significant progress moving down the list of [vaccination priority groups](#) in an orderly and efficient manner. South Dakota remains a leader in nationwide vaccination efforts with more than 30% of its population having received at least 1-dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. For more detailed information on that state’s vaccination plan, [click here](#).

To get the most up to date COVID-19 data, updated daily, please visit the Department of Health [dashboard](#). For additional information and the latest COVID-19 resources, visit [COVID.SD.GOV](#).

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