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### Nannies are Essential Workers

The International Nanny Association (INA) hereby states that for the categorization of the population in order to be able to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine, the following important information be noted.

Nannies, along with other jobs like teachers, grocery store workers, and the like perform <sup>1</sup>[work that is essential](#) to keeping the economy moving. Our work makes other work possible. When the <sup>1</sup>[CDC](#) first recommended lockdowns around the country, in most states, nannies were considered essential employees along with other childcare providers like daycare workers and teachers. Nannies fall under the role of childcare providers alongside daycare workers and family child care providers based on the definition from the <sup>2</sup>[US Department of Labor Statistics](#). Under the <sup>3</sup>[CDC guidelines](#) for the <sup>1</sup>[distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccine](#), essential workers should be eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 1B.

<sup>4</sup>[Nannies](#) are an essential part of the home. A nanny provides the highest level of customized child care and gives personalized attention to the family's children. The nanny's role is to provide support to the family by serving as a loving, nurturing and trustworthy companion to the children. This role is essential in the family. INA's <sup>5</sup>[Recommended Practices for Nannies](#) outlines the crucial responsibilities for a nanny, and during the pandemic, that role has become even more important. Many nannies have taken on extra duties in the home and have added concerns for the safety of the children in their care, themselves, and their families.

We encourage everyone to consult their state or county public health department to determine the vaccine procedure in their community.

- 1 - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19/evidence-table-phase-1b-1c.html>
- 2- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/childcare-workers.htm#tab-2>
- 3 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations.html>
- 4 - <https://nanny.org/resources/families/in-home-child-care-definitions/>
- 5- <https://nanny.org/resources/agencies/recommended-practices-for-nannies/>

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**About the International Nanny Association** INA's mission is to serve as the umbrella association for the in-home child care industry by providing information, education, and guidance to the public and to industry professionals. INA members include nannies, newborn care specialists, nanny employers, nanny agencies, educators and industry service providers. Since 1985, INA has worked to professionalize the industry by setting high standards for industry professionals and nanny agencies. INA leverages the expertise of industry professionals from around the globe to help increase awareness about the industry, to develop the professional skills of nannies, and to educate parents about the benefits of hiring a qualified nanny to care for their children. <https://nanny.org/>