



POSITION STATEMENT

Prioritize Birth Centers in COVID Vaccine Distribution

The American Association of Birth Centers (AABC) urges state and county health departments to include freestanding birth center personnel in phase 1 distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, freestanding birth centers have continued to provide essential healthcare to pregnant people, many times working collaboratively with hospitals to reduce the burden on hospital systems.

Freestanding birth center personnel are critical frontline healthcare workers caring for pregnant and postpartum people and their infants. It is imperative that we prioritize vaccination for freestanding birth center personnel to help protect this vulnerable population.

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