



The National Funeral Directors Association successfully argued that [afterlife workers be eligible](#) in Phase 1a of the vaccine rollout. However, the prioritization of vaccine allocation is determined on the state level.

Active members of a chevra kadisha are considered subcontractors of funeral homes. The best way to find out if you are eligible for Phase 1a and the procedure for scheduling an appointment, is to reach out to your local funeral home. If they have been invited to vaccinate their employees and outside contractors, you can request that they provide you with access to make an appointment.

Please note that some funeral directors may insist on making a vaccination appointment for you. Also, some people have been asked for proof of eligibility upon arrival at their appointment. Therefore, in all cases you should request a letter on the funeral home's stationery, signed by a licensed funeral director, stating that you are an independent subcontractor working at their funeral home.

To download sample text for such a letter, click [HERE](#).

To see the New York State Department of Health's memorandum on this subject, click [HERE](#).

Licensed funeral director, or owner, operator, employee, or contractor of a funeral firm licensed and registered in New York State, that is exposed to infectious material or bodily fluids.

<https://www.nasck.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NYS-DOH-Priority-Vaccine-Scheduling-and-Certification.pdf>