

## Global tracking of teacher prioritization in national COVID-19 vaccination plans and rollout

### Methodological Note

UNESCO, the UN agency mandated to coordinate and lead on global education, and the [International Task Force for Teachers on Education 2030](#)—a unique global independent alliance working solely on teachers and teaching—are tracking the evolution of the prioritization of teachers in national COVID-19 vaccination plans and rollout to protect teachers' health and ensure their safety. Safeguarding teachers globally is critical as means to ensure the continuation of teaching and learning and leave no student behind. Given the number and variety of priority groups and phases, globally, tracking includes information of the specific priority group to which teachers are allocated and the percentage of primary and secondary teachers vaccinated.

Data are displayed on an interactive map. It complements other efforts to collect timely data on educational disruption and response during the pandemic including those on [school closures](#) and their [duration](#). These data have been widely cited in the media, and are being used by partners in their responses to the COVID-19 crisis. Data are available for download.

#### THE MAP ON THE PRIORITISATION OF TEACHERS IN NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLLOUT PLANS

A priority group denotes a group of persons sharing common characteristics that is considered to take precedence before the general population. In the case of COVID-19 vaccination plans, priority groups are typically defined by profession, age, health status, level of vulnerability and other defining factors. Data were collected using the following categories:

- **Priority group 1**
- **Priority group 2**
- **Priority group 3 or lower**
- **Priority group unspecified**
- **Not prioritized**
- **Missing data/ Not enough information**

#### PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

The percentage of teachers vaccinated in primary and secondary education [ISCED 1 to 3] have been reported by Ministries of Education or identified in secondary sources. Where numbers of vaccinated teachers are reported, percentages are calculated based on teacher data from the [UNESCO Institute for Statistics \(UIS\) database](#).

Percentages are based on data for 2020 or the most recent year available and are based on the following definitions.

- **Partially vaccinated:** Have received only the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, except with use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19
- **Fully vaccinated:** Have received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose for Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 or 2nd dose for other vaccines.

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