

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

### 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 rollout plans to protect teachers' health and ensure their safety. Safeguarding teachers globally is critical as means to assure the continuation of teaching and learning and leave no student behind. Given the variety of rollout plans and number of priority groups and phases, globally, tracking includes information of the specific priority group to which teachers are allocated. The data on teacher priority group as well as sub-regional differences are displayed on an interactive map.

Updated regularly, the map shows the evolution of teacher prioritization since the end of March 2021. Data are available for download. The map 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.

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

Each country is categorized in one of the following groups:

- **Priority group 1:** Teachers are prioritized in the first group with front-line workers, typically including health workers, essential workers, elderly and other highly vulnerable groups.
- **Priority group 2:** Teachers are prioritized in the second group to be vaccinated following front-line workers typically including health workers, some essential workers, elderly and other highly vulnerable groups.
- **Priority group 3 or lower:** Teachers are prioritized in the third group or lower down according to national priorities.
- **Priority group unspecified:** Teachers are prioritized in national COVID-19 vaccination rollout plans, but the level is not specified or is unknown.
- **Not prioritized:** Teachers are not identified as a priority group in national rollout plans and are to be vaccinated with the general population; or a plan has not been developed.
- **Missing data/ Not enough information:** No information collected or available to make a determination.

A priority group denotes a defined group of persons sharing common characteristics that is set apart from the general population. In the case of COVID-19 vaccination plans, priority groups are typically defined by profession, age, health status, level of vulnerability or other defining factors.

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