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Local public health agencies and healthcare providers,

First, we want to thank you again for your partnership and cooperation in the COVID-19 vaccination process. Like you, we are hopeful that vaccine supply will increase, and we can get our lives back to normal. With the state's transition to Phase 1B.2 next week, we want to reiterate some key points as we move forward:

- With our goal of vaccinating 70% of Coloradans 70 years or older, please continue to prioritize that demographic. 70+ are still our most vulnerable population and must be vaccinated to decrease deaths and hospitalizations.
- **Continue to vaccinate moderate-risk healthcare workers and first responders. We are getting reports that dentists, unaffiliated healthcare workers, and first responders are being turned away or are unable to get vaccinated. Even though we are expanding to a new vaccine phase, it is still imperative that any remaining healthcare workers and first responders in Phases 1A and 1B.1 get vaccinated.**
- We are continuing to stress to all school districts and child care providers to contact you, our healthcare partners, to schedule vaccination clinics. Through March 5, we are allocating 30,000 doses per week for childcare workers in licensed childcare programs, PreK-12 teachers, and school staff. **Because of the need to be equitable, and because we are unable to completely fill the dosage needed to vaccinate all school district employees at once, we are asking all school districts larger than 5,000 students to prioritize their staff and vaccinate 1/3 of their employees every week until complete.** For childcare facilities, smaller schools, and smaller school districts, we understand it will be easier to vaccinate all staff in one clinic. Please continue coordinating with us on these important, targeted clinics, and we will do everything possible to ensure you have the doses needed to vaccinate PreK-12 educators within your community.
- As much as possible, please continue to follow Colorado's Phased Prioritization guidelines. If you have vaccinated all of the Phase 1A, and 1B.1 and 1B.2 persons in your community and still have unused doses, you should transfer any remaining doses to another enrolled COVID-19 vaccination provider that has eligible people in their city/county. We are all in this together, and we know that with every additional person protected, we are all safer. *Note: All [vaccine transfer requests](#) must be approved by CDPHE before vaccine is moved to another enrolled provider.* We will ensure you have vaccines on hand as soon we start Phase 1B.3.
- Enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers should establish a direct web link for eligible Coloradans to sign up and register for a vaccine. To be accessible, the web link should be separate from any regular patient portal with restricted access, and the technology should be accessible to individuals with disabilities. The web link should be clearly shown on their COVID-19 webpage

and easy to navigate. Providers should also have a telephone number for eligible Coloradans, who do not have access to the internet, to call, and it should be properly staffed to efficiently serve eligible Coloradans without long wait periods. *Federally qualified health centers and small community providers and clinics serving underserved communities may choose not to publish their registration information, but they must have another way to effectively communicate with their clients and others in the community whom they plan to serve with a vaccine. If this applies to your organization, please complete [this form](#) describing which populations you serve and how you plan to get the word out about your vaccination clinics.*

- People do not need to be full-time residents of Colorado, nor of a particular Colorado county, to be vaccinated by enrolled providers. If people meet eligibility criteria in Colorado's Phased Prioritization, they should be vaccinated in the same way as other eligible Coloradans.
- Colorado has moved to a “single inventory” system for real-time delivery of COVID-19 vaccines. This means you should treat all doses you receive the same and manage your inventory on a weekly basis to ensure use of all doses within a few days. For more information, please reference our [COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering and Distribution Cadence document](#).
- Lastly, [Public Health Order 21-01](#), Vaccine Access and Data Reporting for COVID-19 was issued today. This order addresses public access to information about COVID vaccine registration, not requiring state- or government-issued IDs, requesting patient race and ethnicity data, reporting of vaccine administration data to the Colorado Immunization Information System within 72 hours, and requiring providers vaccinating 975 or more persons a week to provide a brief written vaccine equity plan to the CDPHE Chief Medical Officer at cdphe_vaxequity@state.co.us.

Again, thank you for your support to our state and nation. Your continued partnership during this pandemic is critical and your efforts are certainly noticed and appreciated by all Coloradans.

Sincerely,

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