

**Date: December 11, 2020**

**To: Iowa COVID-19 Vaccine Providers**

**From: Iowa Department of Public Health**

**Re: Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine - County/State of Residence**

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The SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19 disease, continues to threaten the health of Americans. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is working with partners, including vaccine manufacturers, to develop vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 infection. Effective distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines will be critical to prevent morbidity and mortality and reduce the impact of COVID-19.

In order to minimize illness and death from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the public health mission is to vaccinate any individual in the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended targeted populations who want to receive the vaccine. These vaccines are being provided to Iowa from the federal government. ***Individuals outlined in ACIP and State of Iowa priority groups may receive COVID-19 vaccines regardless of permanent place of residence (county or state) or where the individual is seeking vaccination. In addition, receipt of COVID-19 vaccine does not require proof of U.S. citizenship.***

Limited COVID-19 vaccine doses will be available in December, 2020. Supply will likely increase in the following weeks and months, allowing vaccination efforts to expand to include additional priority populations as well as the general public. This policy for administering COVID-19 vaccine regardless of residence will remain in place throughout the vaccine campaign.