

IDPH Vaccine Planning and Distribution Workgroup Meeting

11.16.2020

0930 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Notes

- **Welcome**
 - Please ensure you are sharing this information with your partners, share the FAQs and what is what is on the [IDPH COVID Vaccine website](#).

- **IDPH Operations Leadership and Coordination Updates**
 - Immunization Bureau Updates
 - CDC updates since last meeting -
 - Federal government will be using Vaccine Finder to document where vaccine is. Once an organization registers as a COVID vaccine provider an account is set up in Vaccine Finder for them to report daily inventory.
 - IDPH will be taking care of this through IRIS so individual providers will not have this extra step to complete.
 - Pharmacy partnership - IDPH received a list of Long Term Care Center (LTC) participants and have shared with Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA) so coordination can begin.
 - CVS and Walgreens will be providing vaccination services to residents with consent. IDPH has not seen the consent form yet.
 - There has been discussion about adding additional chains.
 - IDPH has not heard yet if approved LTCs have been contacted by the pharmacies yet for planning.
 - Ultra cold storage capability assessment - IDPH has identified 29 facilities across the state that can store and handle the ultra-cold Pfizer vaccine.
 - Ultra Cold Pre-positioning of vaccine
 - With the anticipation that Pfizer will apply for Emergency Use this week and Moderna will not be until the end of November. Operation Warp Speed (OWS) has asked states to create a one-time prepositioning process.
 - OWS will send Pfizer product to the 6 organizations designated by IDPH who have ultra-cold capabilities in order to get vaccines out to priority healthcare populations as soon as possible.
 - AS soon as ACIP gives there guidance then then we will be ready to get vaccine in arms.
 - Vaccine strategy
 - Engaged planning with partners (hospitals, LPHA, Emergency managers, etc). should be taking place now for pod planning and resource requests.

- Once IDPH gets an allocation from OWS beyond the prepositioning, IDPH will make an electronic allocation in IRIS to LPHA, LPHA will allocate through IRIS to COVID providers who are able to vaccinate priority populations.
 - Training for how to do this was completed for LPHA and was recorded.
 - Vaccine Provider Agreements
 - 1,142 providers have submitted COVID provider agreements, 1074 have been approved by IDPH staff. All 99 public health agencies are enrolled as they will be completing the allocating within the county.
 - The enrollment process will remain open even once vaccine is available.
 - **Resources**
 - Critical populations - IDPH has received and mapped data for all critical populations outlined in the CDC playbook. This information has been posted on the Health Alert Network (HAN).
 - Priority populations will officially be recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These numbers are not an indication of priority populations, but a way for communities to begin planning.
 - Healthcare personnel, disability, under and un-insured, race, age, essential workforce outside of healthcare, etc. have all been included.
 - Work with LPHA, hospital preparedness coordinators, and IPs who have access to the HAN to see numbers specific to your county.
 - Rebecca verifying that EMAs have access to this information.
 - Vaccine resources/supplies
 - Supplies will be included with the distribution of the vaccine. Reminder if redistributing vaccine, organization will need to make sure the supplies will go with it.
 - **Communications**
 - Every Friday updates are being made to FAQ documents.
 - IDPH is trying to get those out earlier on Fridays.
 - **Technology and Data**
 - IRIS reporting-vaccine reporting -
 - IRIS will be used for allocation and distribution of the vaccine.
 - IDPH will use IRIS to upload orders into a national system to order vaccine.
 - Providers will need to document administration of vaccine in IRIS.
 - Inventory tracking and transfers will be done in IRIS.
 - Additionally data from IRIS will be used for visualization in DOMO (e.g. doses administered, type of organization administering vaccine, manufacturer, priority populations being vaccinated, etc.)
 - **Funding**
 - Governor's announcement for LPH funding - \$3 million in CARES funding to LPHA across the state. The funding is based on county population and will go direct deposit through county treasurer and then directly to LPHA.
 - This funding can be used for COVID-19 related expenses and vaccine planning.
- **Partner Feedback**
 - **Review feedback from previous meeting**
 - Vaccine confidence-expected uptake-safety information

- CDC, OWS, and Region 7 partners are developing campaign and resources. Want to be able to send a unified message to help people understand what OWS really means and that vaccine safety was not compromised in this mission.
- Likely will get a flood of information once the EUA is out.
- General vaccine administration documents and storage and handling information has been put up on our vaccine website to help education non-traditional vaccine providers.
- There are LPHA media templates on the HAN for use and locally the FAQs can be used to put information out to the public.

- **Participant Questions**

- Will there be statewide prioritization for Phase 1A, healthcare workers?
 - It would be difficult to do a statewide directive; locally those decisions can be made based on what the healthcare population looks like in that county. ACIP recommendations will be used to help guide LPHA.
 - Need to be cautious of vaccinating an entire workforce at once just in case the side effects of the vaccine take staff away from their jobs.
 - There is indication that the state will likely have enough vaccine to provide it to all healthcare workers who are willing to take the vaccine in the first few allocations.
 - IDPH will be issuing a vaccine shortage order to provide general guidance on for priority population (we will provide general guidance there) for each of the phases 1A, 1B and 2.
- Is IDPH able to share the list of 6 pre-positioned sites?
 - All 6 sites have been contacted about their potential involvement, but IDPH has not indicated that the pre-positioning process will be made public yet. Once details are finalized a list may be shared.
- What is the earliest the vaccine might be pre-positioned?
 - Pfizer EUA application will likely be submitted this week and could take two weeks to get approved. ACIP Recommendations should come shortly after. Estimation of three weeks for the earliest IDPH may receive an allocation.
- Clarification LTC national pharmacy agreements is to vaccinate residents. LPHA will remain responsible to vaccinate LTC staff.
- CDC working directly with pharmacies to have the ability to order vaccine directly from them for that program. This program will not compete with the state allocation.
- Do we have a denominator for how many providers we want to recruit?
 - IDPH does not have a target to meet. Currently there are 1400 providers who are enrolled in IRIS. When mapped you can see we have good coverage throughout the state.
 - 20-30 providers are enrolling daily.
 - IDPH began enrolling weeks ago and will continue enrolling. Some states have just started this process.
 - Communication between enrolled providers and LPHA is very important so LPHA understands the capacity of each provider and how they can help vaccinate priority populations.

- Will IDPH make public announcements for what phases we are in as a state?
 - Communication through the vaccine shortage order is likely where communication will happen. LPHA capacity and uptake of the vaccine will determine where we are as a state.

- **Next Steps**

- Another feedback survey will be sent out after this meeting.
- Please make sure to share this information with your partners and encourage them to go to the website to review materials.
- Reach out to LPHA to start discussions on what their plans are for allocations and ensuring priority populations are vaccinated.