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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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Dear Colleagues,

This communication will serve to provide you with recommendations to assist with prioritization of phase 1A vaccine distribution. The prioritization recommendation attached is based on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) analysis of several distribution plans across states and hospital systems.

This plan not only takes into account best practices and lessons learned from existing vaccine distribution plans, but what is logistically feasible for the most expeditious process in the State of Nebraska. We acknowledge that this is a new and challenging situation and will rely on your expertise for your specific facility when making final distribution decisions.

We appreciate your continued collaboration as we all work to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Nebraskans and work to return to a greater sense of normalcy. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at angela.ling@nebraska.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Ling".

Angie Ling
DHHS Incident Commander

COVID-19 VACCINE PHASE 1A ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Phase 1A	Referral Hospital (Health System Associated)	Critical Access Hospital (Health System Associated)	Community (Not Health System Associated)	Long Term Care Staff and Residents
Tier I (Week 1 Pfizer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical care staff/physicians • ER Department • Infectious disease physicians • Inpatient providers/nurses • Anesthesia • Respiratory therapy • Phlebotomy staff • Radiology Staff • COVID-19 vaccinators • EVS (direct contact with infectious material) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Services (EMS) • COVID-19 vaccinators (local public health, Pharmacists/interns/techs, nursing students) 	
Tier II (Week 2 Moderna AND Week 3 Moderna/ Pfizer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care nursing • Primary care physicians • Urgent care centers with direct patient contact • Inpatient behavior health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical care staff/physicians • ER staff/physicians • Infectious disease physicians • Inpatient providers/nurses • ER triage • Primary care nursing • Anesthesia • Respiratory therapy • Primary care physicians • Phlebotomy staff • Radiology Staff • COVID-19 vaccinators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 specimen collectors (i.e., static testing sites) • Urgent care centers with direct patient contact • Inpatient behavior health • Home health staff/hospice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Care Staff and Residents
Tier III TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgeons • Laboratory staff • Pharmacy • Patient transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgeons • Laboratory staff • Pharmacy • Patient transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory Staff • Patient transport (i.e., dialysis, long term care to hospital) • Pharmacy • Oral surgeons 	
ACTIVATE PHASE 1B AT THIS TIME AND CONCURRENTLY FINISH PHASE 1A TIERS BELOW				
Tier IV TBD	Health care workers with direct patient contact who are 65 or older OR have underlying health conditions putting them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.			

Phase 1A	Referral Hospital (Health System Associated)	Critical Access Hospital (Health System Associated)	Community (Not Health System Associated)	Long Term Care Staff and Residents
Tier V TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other physicians, nurses, CNAs • Other therapists (physical, occupational, speech) • Psychiatry staff/mental health providers • Admitting staff • Housekeeping • Dietary staff • Laundry staff • Chaplain staff • Security staff • Social workers/Discharge/Case managers • Ward clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other physicians, nurses, CNAs • Other therapists (physical, occupational, speech) • Psychiatry staff/mental health providers • Incident command staff • Admitting staff • Housekeeping • Dietary staff • Laundry staff • Chaplain staff • Security staff • Social workers/Discharge/Case managers • Ward clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other therapists (physical, occupational, speech) • Free standing dialysis center staff with direct patient care • Free standing inpatient rehabilitation • Surveyors/inspectors of healthcare facilities • Jail and prison healthcare staff • Non-acute care clinics or surgery center staff with direct patient contact 	
Tier VI TBD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical records staff • Central Supply staff • Purchasing staff • Maintenance staff • Information technology staff • Admin Support • Finance staff • Bio-medical staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentists, dental assistants and hygienists • Optometrists/Ophthalmologists • Psychologists/Psychiatrists • Chaplains • Social workers • Case managers • Other public health workers • Chiropractors • Naturopaths • Mental health workers 	

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These recommendations are based on projected federal allocations and are subject to change. DHHS will make every attempt to share updates in a timely manner.