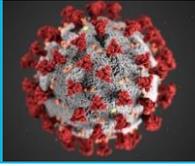


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Executive Summary – INTERIM PLAN

October 22, 2020

Introduction

The purpose of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s (DHW) Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan is to provide a foundation for the spectrum of activities needed for the vaccination of Idahoans against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Planning for COVID-19 vaccination in Idaho was initiated in May 2020 as information about vaccine development began to emerge. It is enhanced frequently, as more guidance is provided by federal, state, and local partners. This plan is a “living document” that will be revised as new information is obtained about specific vaccines approved for use, prioritized populations and subgroups identified for vaccination when vaccine supplies are limited, and partners’ and stakeholders’ recommendations.

Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

Idaho’s Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan includes a 3-phased approach, based on assumptions about vaccines likely to be approved for use in certain occupational groups and Idahoans in specific demographic categories (healthcare workers with high risk for exposure to SARS-CoV-2, older or immunocompromised Idahoans, etc.). The phased vaccination approach ties directly to vaccine availability; moving from limited availability of vaccine and vaccinating identified priority groups, to wide availability of vaccine and vaccinating the general public as part of a routine immunization schedule.

Critical Populations

Idaho’s Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan identifies priority population tiers and subgroups within tiers, based on the assumption that the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will recommend healthcare workers who have high risk for exposure to SARS-CoV-2 as part of their daily work, other essential workers at high risk for exposure, and people at high risk of severe COVID-19 illness, including people 65 years and older. DHW is engaging with partners and the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee to prioritize subgroups and ensure equity and transparency in vaccine distribution and administration.

COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

The Idaho Immunization Program is responsible for recruiting COVID-19 vaccine providers who will receive COVID-19 vaccine through the State of Idaho. The immunization program will enroll providers in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Program in phases following the 3-phased approach to COVID-19 vaccination, verifying providers’ licensure.

Phase 1 - proposed

Public Health Districts
Hospitals/Critical Care
FQHC/CHC
Pharmacies
Tribal Health
Occupational Health
Large Healthcare Systems

Phase 2 - proposed

Pharmacies
Correctional Facilities
Urgent Care Clinics
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine

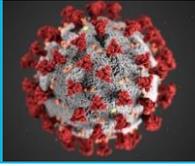
Phase 3 -proposed

Pediatric Providers
Interested Vaccinators

After Phase 1 providers are enrolled, immunization program staff will train providers on the details of vaccination, once specific vaccines are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Immunization program staff will also train providers on the myriad requirements of the CDC’s COVID-19 Vaccination Program including, but not limited to cold-chain management of specific vaccines, storage and handling, continuous



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temperature monitoring, vaccine administration data requirements, use of PrepModSM (a comprehensive, end-to-end pandemic management tool), adverse event reporting, and other regulatory requirements.

COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling

The immunization program will be responsible for ensuring providers enrolled to administer COVID-19 vaccine have appropriate vaccine storage and handling equipment, including temperature monitoring devices and the ability to provide required data.

COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders

The COVID-19 vaccines anticipated to be initially approved by the FDA and recommended by ACIP require two doses for efficacy, with either 21- or 28-day intervals between first and second doses. Reminders for second doses will be critical to ensure vaccine efficacy among individuals who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The immunization program will ensure redundancy in COVID-19 second-dose reminders by using the reminder feature of PrepModSM and the reminder feature within Idaho's immunization information system, known as IRIS (Immunization Reminder Information System).

COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication

DHW has convened a COVID-19 Communications Task Force that will lead vaccination communications with input from the immunization program and stakeholders. COVID-19 vaccine communication will be deployed in three phases. Each phase will build off the previous phase, including targeted messaging to providers, prioritized populations and subgroups for vaccine, employers, insurers, government and community partners, and the Idaho public. Types of messaging will include importance of getting the vaccine, safety concerns, availability of vaccine across Idaho, to name a few. Communication channels will include DHW's channels on social media, websites, blog platforms, as well as other government partners, and DHW's media and marketing contractor. The immunization program will work with DHW's Communications Office to develop and issue press releases as needed. All media requests will be managed in alignment with DHW's policies.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

The immunization program will follow all regulatory procedures for COVID-19 vaccine adverse event reporting and ensure all Idaho providers enrolled in CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Program are trained on the requirements and processes for reporting adverse events following vaccination to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring

The immunization program will set targets for successful implementation of Idaho's Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. This includes monitoring resources such as staffing, budgets, and supplies. The immunization program will also report provider enrollment to CDC twice weekly, as required. The immunization program will collaborate with Idaho's Public Health Preparedness and Response Program to monitor vaccine ancillary supply levels across the state through the Idaho Resource Tracking System. Other monitoring will include assessing geographic coverage of enrolled providers to ensure sufficient numbers proximity of vaccinators to serve prioritized populations and subgroups, number of vaccines distributed by county, and number of vaccines administered by county, age group, and facility type. Additional monitoring data will be identified as Idaho's Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan continues to evolve as more information is obtained by both federal and Idaho partners.

