

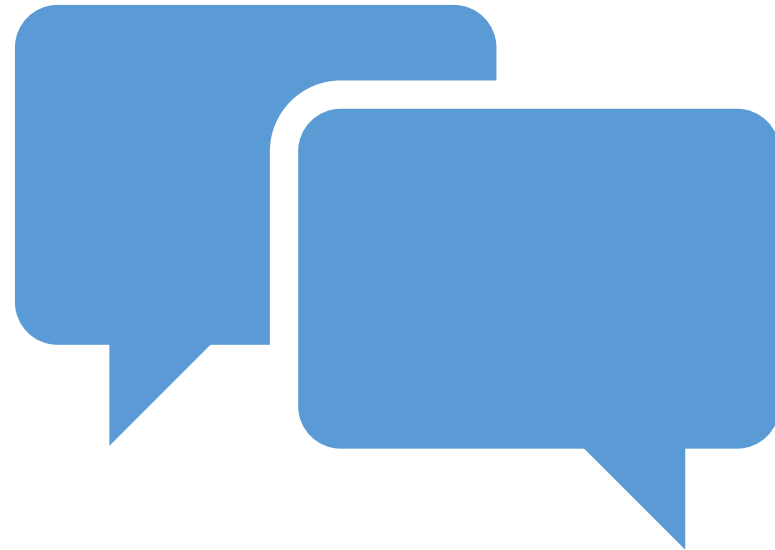


AKPhA COVID Vaccine
Taskforce
Town Hall Meeting

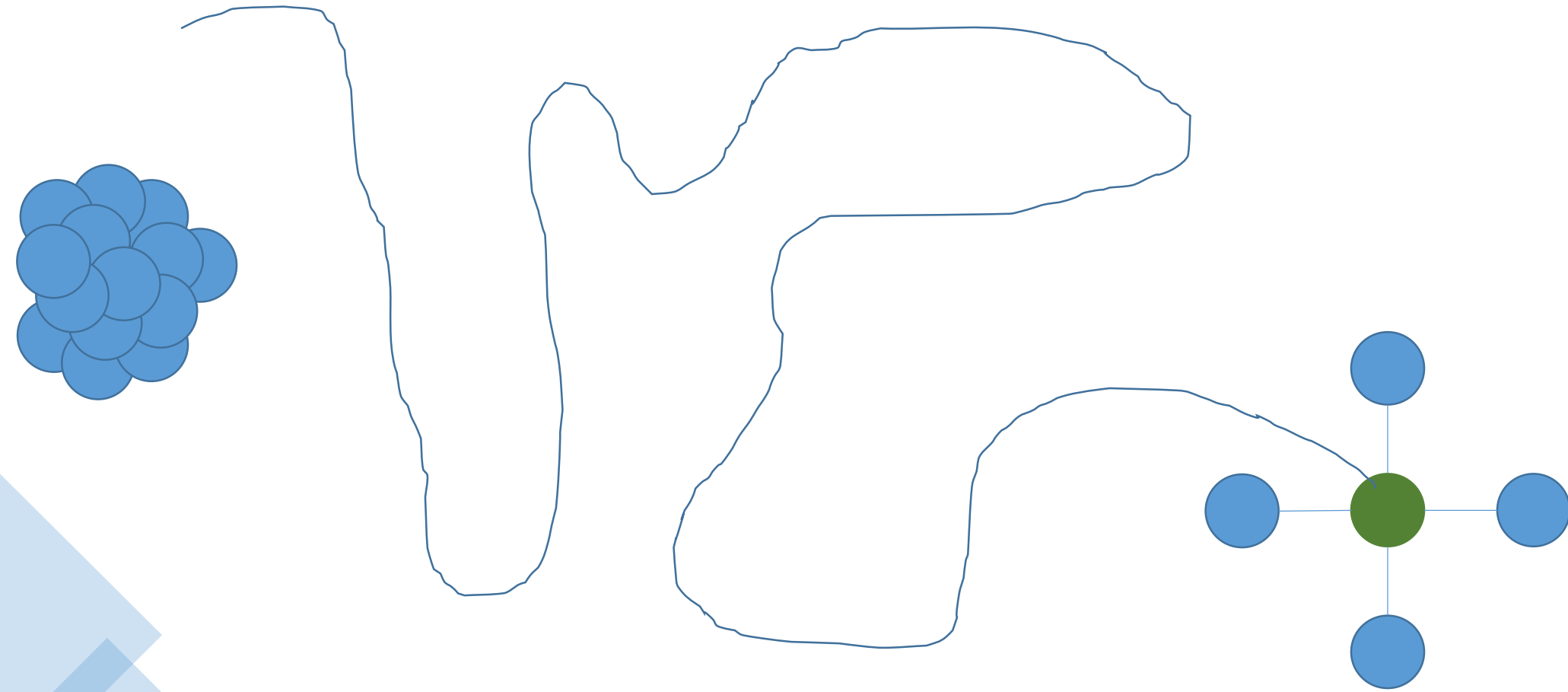
October 22, 2020

Agenda

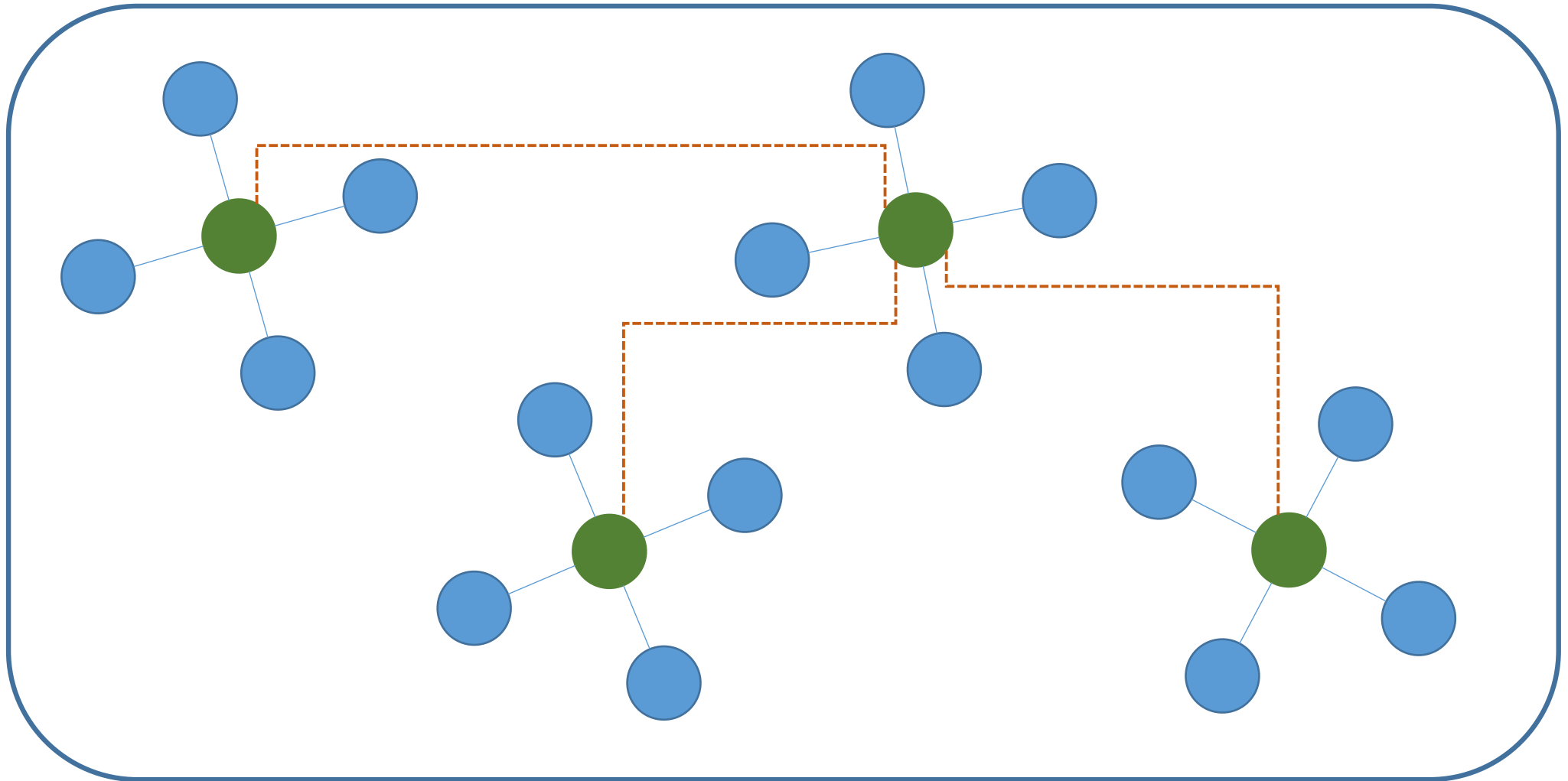
- Welcome
- What We Know
 - Evolving variables
- Call to Action
 - What you can do now.
- Team Lead Updates
- Discussion/Questions

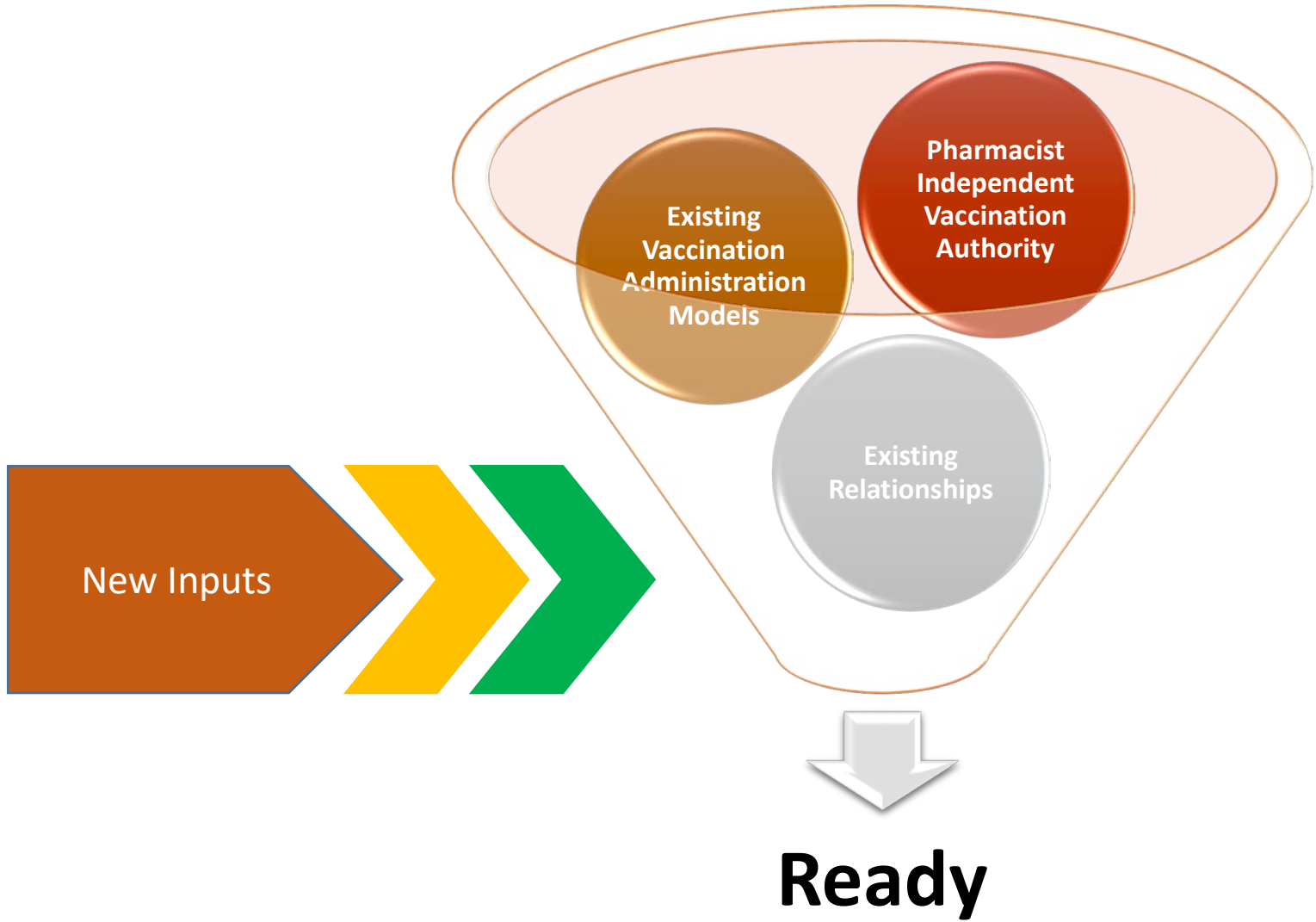


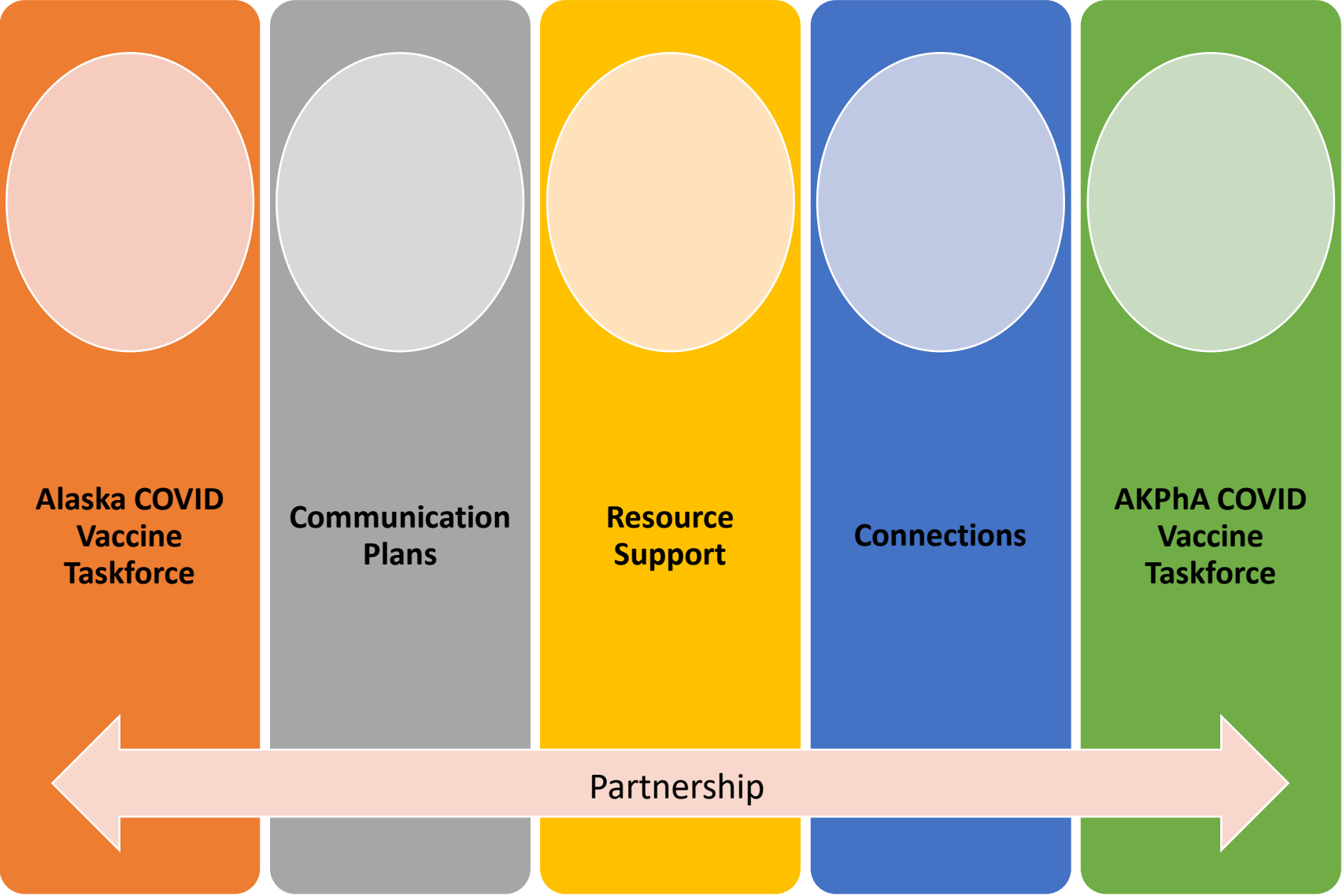
Relationships



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**Communication
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Connections

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Partnership

What We Know

- Provider Enrollment/Agreement
 - Pharmacies will need to enroll as a requirement set by CDC in order to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies
 - Pharmacies must enroll in the COVID-19 vaccination program, coordinated through their state's immunization program or Federal Agency
 - IHS and some Federal Agencies may receive direct allocation from Operation Warp Speed
- Information required:
 - Provider type/setting
 - Population served
 - Equipment capacity (refrigerators, freezers, ultra-cold freezer)
 - Logistical information for receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments
- Reporting requirements:
 - Administration data will be required to report out daily
 - Inventory, temperatures, and wastage will be required, but unknown frequency for reporting at this time

What We Know

PREP Act Amendment

Third amendment made to PREP Act authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer, and licensed interns (who are acting under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist) to administer any vaccine that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends to persons ages three through 18.

Requirements:

- Vaccine must be FDA-authorized (EUA) or licensed
- CPR certification
- Completion of ACPE-approved immunization training program
 - AK BOP: 1 hour of immunization-related CPE per state licensing period
- Comply with reporting requirements of state

What We Know

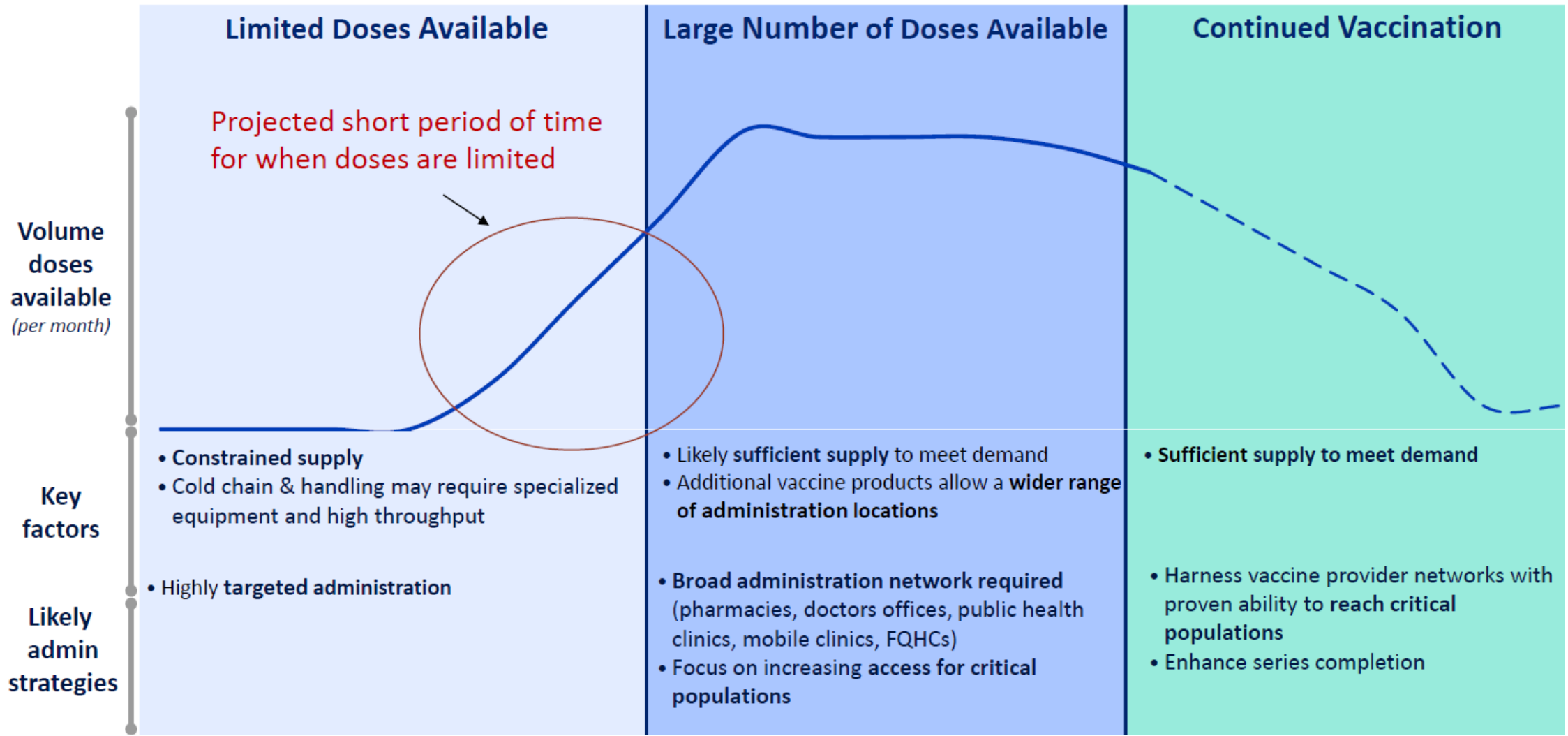
PREP Act Amendment

- Sept 3rd: Authorized pharmacists to order and administer, and state-licensed or registered pharmacy interns acting under the supervision of the qualified pharmacist to administer, to persons three or older, COVID-19 vaccines.
- Oct 21st: Authorizes qualified pharmacy technicians and state-authorized pharmacy interns to administer childhood vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines when made available, and COVID-19 tests, subject to several requirements.

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Administration of COVID-19 vaccine will require a phased approach



What We Know

- Vaccine Products
 - Several vaccines are in Phase 2 or Phase 3 Clinical Trials
 - Earliest vaccine (maybe late 2020):
 - Phase 1 - Very limited supply anticipated
 - Complex cold chain requirements – CDC Planning Assumptions
 - Ultra-cold (-80°C) storage
 - CDC IS ADVISING TO **NOT** PURCHASE ULTRACOLD FREEZERS
 - Shipping boxes can accommodate temporary ultra-cold storage
 - ~1000 to 5000 doses shipped at a time
 - Frozen (-20°C) storage
 - 100 dose minimum

What We Know

- 5 of the 6 leading COVID vaccine candidates are 2-dose series at 21-28 days
 - Must plan for timely 2nd dose of same vaccines (not interchangeable)
- Ultra-cold (-80°C) & frozen (-20°C) vaccine in early stages; refrigerated options later possibly
- Vaccines will be distributed with supply kits
 - Appropriate diluent, needles, syringes, alcohol wipes, vaccination cards, and limited PPE

Evolving Variables

- Duration of action of the vaccines
- Vaccine timing
 - Any minimum wait time between COVID vaccine and other vaccines
- Special Population vaccine data
 - NIH and FDA are advocating for inclusion of ethnic, minority and tribal groups
 - No pediatric or pregnancy data will be available in early phases
- FDA – Authorization v. Approval
 - Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) vs. Licensure vs. Non-approval
 - EUA may limit who can get the vaccine
 - EUA may require additional monitoring/reporting

Evolving Variables

- Priority Groups
 - Collaboration and discussion between:
 - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
 - Priority groups still under review, anticipated in October
 - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAS)
 - “Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine”
 - Priority groups anticipated:
 - Critical Infrastructure Workforce - HCP, essential workers
 - People at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness - 65+, medical conditions
 - People at increased risk of acquiring/transmitting COVID-19 – congregate living, tribal communities, educational settings, racial & ethnic minorities

Actions

- Enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider with the State of Alaska Immunization Program
- Review CDC, Association, State resources
 - CDC “Playbook” for COVID Planning for Jurisdictions
- Assess your pharmacy’s workforce and roles
 - Consider emotional well-being, training, experience, safety of staff
 - Do you have staff to give to coordinated community efforts?
- Connect with your community to participate in closed and open Points of Dispensing
 - Enhance and develop relationships
 - Consultant pharmacies, collocated clinic locations, etc.
 - Previous vaccine clinic partnerships (e.g., community health fairs, etc.)
 - Connect with local emergency management
 - Connect with AKPhA; attend Town Halls

Actions

- Develop an operations plan for efficient throughput with safe social distancing
 - Review existing immunization plans
 - Modify for “knowns”
 - Leave space for evolving variables
 - Plan for various scenarios
 - Innovate!
 - Assess physical space
 - Are you able to create socially distanced waiting, vaccination, and observation areas?
 - Storage capabilities and capacity; vaccine and PPE ordering logistics
 - Assess staffing plans; prepare for enhanced staffing needs during high-demand hours and/or extended hours
 - Appointment-based vs. Walk-in model
 - Administrative considerations – screening, documentation, billing, exposure plans, call-backs, etc.
 - Plan for proactive and clear public communication of your capabilities
 - Signage
 - Website messaging re: vaccine availability, critical populations being served, appointment requirements

Resources

- Alaska COVID Immunization Provider Enrollment
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/vaccineproviders.aspx>
- Alaska COVID Resources for Health Care Providers
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/healthcare.aspx>
- Alaska COVID Vaccine Information and draft plan
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>
- ACIP
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html>

Additional References

- COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations:
 - https://media.defense.gov/2020/Sep/16/2002498510/-1/-1/1/COVID19_VACCINATION_PROGRAM_PLAYBOOK.PDF
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Planning Assumptions for Jurisdictions:
 - <https://int.nyt.com/data/documenttools/covid-19-vax-planning-assumptions-8-27-2020-final/6fc8a9ec0c3e5817/full.pdf>
- HHS LTC Partnership Program (Oct 16, 2020):
 - <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/16/trump-administration-partners-cvs-walgreens-provide-covid-19-vaccine-protect-vulnerable-americans-long-term-care-facilities-nationwide.html>
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID19 Vaccine
 - <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25914/discussion-draft-of-the-preliminary-framework-for-equitable-allocation-of-covid-19-vaccine>



Team Leads



Questions?

Alaska Pharmacist Association Updates

- AKPhA Immunization Taskforce: Lead Renee Robinson
 - Liaison between AKPhA, State of Alaska, UAA/ISU Pharmacy School
- Immunization Training Courses: Pharmacists and Technicians
- November 21 with course instructor Commander Aimee Young
 - Future dates TBD
- AKPhA Advocacy Efforts:
- AKPhA Website Resources:
 - COVID Updates:
<https://alaskapharmacy.org/2020/03/covid-19-response-pharmacy-guidance/>
 - COVID Forums:
<https://alaskapharmacy.org/resources/forums-connect-with-the-alaska-pharmacy-community/>
- Future Communication:
 - Emails
 - Additional Town Halls
 - Volunteer sign-up/list