

INFORMAL NOTES (Molly Gray): Alaska COVID Vaccine Taskforce (State ECHO) Meeting (10/28/2020)
278 Online Participants

CDC is asking all states to be ready for the vaccine by November 15th.

- Pharmaceutical company timeline indicates readiness with vaccine in December.
- Targeting Phase 1 assistance with partners (working with health-care workers, hospitals, using pharmacies as vaccinators.)
- Hoping to have a public health nurse assigned to each region.

Provider Enrollment is OPEN! (Opened over the weekend)

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineProviders.aspx>

- Complete provider agreement (look at tip sheet also posted online—very helpful!)
- Connect to VacTrAK (will order vaccinations via this system)
- Get connected to PrepMod (a software solution state of AK has purchased that allows tracking of inventory, scheduling of appointments, etc).
- Complete the required trainings that will be provided by the state
- Get connected to www.VaccineFinder.org (Ops Warp Speed and CDC want to use this Nationally, to show connections within every community). Info now is that providers will also need to update this system daily.
- Bookmark CDC sites

Now that enrollment is open—do that NOW—to ensure we have as many providers set up as possible so we're all ready to go as soon as vaccine comes out.

Providers needed for Phase 1a and 1b:

- Phase 1 will require administering vaccine in closed settings with workplaces or within the community specific priority populations.

Phase 2:

- We'll have more stock. Can catch up with providers missed in phase 1. Opening up to public—traditional providers will come into the mix here (Pharmacies, public health, private sector partners)

Phase 3: Getting back to normal.

- Vaccine will be widely available and integrated into routine vaccination programs, run by both public and private partners.

Pediatric vaccine—from CDC, phase 1 vaccine is for adults only (initial distribution).

OPEN Questions/Answers:

- Any issues with agreement, email the covidvaccine.gov email
- IIS Identifier code is your VacTrAK identifier
- Adobe Acrobat Reader will allow you to fully fill out the form (just using the web browser is sometimes not successful. Save the document to your computer, then sign via Adobe).

Pharmacy / Long-Term Care Facility Partnership

- State IMZ Program and Walgreens/CVS will receive allocations from the Federal government simultaneously. Those LTCs not served by or in a region with Walgreens/CVS will receive vaccine from an ENROLLED Provider/Pharmacy.
- Originally due date for survey was October Friday, October 30 extended to November 6th for LTCF to submit their information.
- Outside 75 mile radius from Walgreens/CVS, LTCF can email the state and the IMZ program will partner them with a pharmacy if they don't already have an existing partnership selected.

NEW—Phase two partnerships: Walgreens, CVS Health, Walmart (including Sam's), Kroger/Fred Meyer, Costco, Albertsons/Carrs/Safeway—have all signed up for Federal Allocation Process and will not get their vaccine through the state program, BUT the state is asking that they all enroll STILL with the state immunization program

- Those pharmacies not listed here, will still get their allocation through the state IMZ program.

Pharmacy partners will provide a point of contact for each jurisdiction for questions related to allocation of vaccine in store locations in their jurisdiction area.

Jurisdictions may choose to opt out of have pharmacies in their area receive allocations through this program.

State will Utilize Point of Dispensing Training (POD)

- Designed for staff and volunteers who are new to working in Point of Dispensing sites.
- Introduces the concept of a POD and how it fits within the context of the emergency.
- Enables providers / community to reach a greater level of individuals.
- POD stations ensure a comprehensive approach, helps provide confidence in the system.

FDA is going to authorize an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the vaccine.

- PODs have several stations
- Lots of traffic flow.
- Only healthy people allowed inside.
- Medical staff to ensure response to adverse reactions.
- Could include drive-through locations.
- Self-lead training on state website
- Public Health nursing will be pre-recording training. Group presentations can be submitted to Kelly Isham at kelly.isham@alaska.gov

Questions:

- If you work in a hospital system, state will distribute vaccine directly to hospitals.
- **Outside hospital system, working with pharmacies to distribute phase 1 vaccine to pharmacies**
- Educating citizens about issues with vaccine hesitancy—state has a communications campaign.