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To: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) / Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
Center Administrators and Program Directors
From: California Department of Aging (CDA) CBAS Branch
Subject: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Updated Guidance for
COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Purpose

This All Center Letter (ACL) is to notify ADHC / CBAS providers that CDPH issued a [Provider Bulletin](#) on February 12, 2021, to inform all vaccinators and local public health departments about updated guidance for COVID-19 vaccine administration prioritization policy.

This provider bulletin may be updated periodically to keep all vaccinators informed as the state implements its efforts to vaccinate all eligible populations as supplies increase over time.

Who Will This New CDPH Guidance Affect?

As of March 15, 2021, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals ages 16 to 64 who are considered to be at the highest risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 as a direct result of one or more of the following severe health conditions:

- **Cancer**, current with debilitated or immunocompromised state
- **Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above
- **Chronic pulmonary disease**, oxygen dependent
- **Down syndrome**
- **Immunocompromised state** (*weakened immune system*) from solid organ transplant
- **Pregnancy**
- **Sickle cell disease**
- **Heart conditions**, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (*excludes hypertension*)
- **Severe obesity** (*Body Mass Index/BMI greater or equal to 40 kg/m²*)
- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus** with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

OR

If, as a result of a developmental or other severe high-risk disability, one or more of the following applies:

- The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID-19 infection
- Acquiring COVID-19 infection will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival
- Providing adequate and timely COVID care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability

The list of eligible conditions is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as CDPH obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data.

Who Can Get Vaccinated Now?

California is allocating COVID-19 vaccines as they become available to ensure equitable distribution. Vaccinations are prioritized according to age and risk.

Refer to the [California ALL Vaccines](#) webpage for information as to who may be vaccinated now, how to get vaccinated, how vaccines work and more.

You can find out when it is your turn to get a COVID-19 vaccination by signing up at myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255 and schedule your appointment or get notified when appointments are available in your area.

What Does This Updated Guidance Mean for ADHC / CBAS Providers?

This new guidance will enable more ADHC / CBAS participants to receive a COVID-19 vaccine sooner than previously expected which is great news for participants and their family caregivers.

CDA thanks all ADHC / CBAS providers who are helping your centers' participants get vaccinated such as scheduling COVID-19 vaccination appointments on behalf of your participants, coordinating transportation, and escorting them to get their vaccinations.

Questions

Please contact the CBAS branch if you have any questions: (916) 419-7545; cbascda@aging.ca.gov.