

407 Highland Ct.
Iowa City, IA 52240
www.myep.us



Phone: (319) 341-0060
Fax: (888) 883-1235
Email: info@myep.us

To: MYEP employees, persons served & parents/guardians
From: Roger Lusala – CEO
Date: March 4th, 2021
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Update II

Good Afternoon,

While many of us are experiencing COVID-19 fatigues, I am begging you to stay the course just a bit longer, because we have a bright light at the end of the tunnel with the now three approved vaccines on our side, with the latest being the Johnson & Johnson single shot vaccine.

While we know there are agencies which have been vaccinated before MYEP for one reason or another, I can certainly assure you MYEP is actively advocating to be next in line, and we are part of this Phase 1B, Tier 2 (see chart below), which includes people with disabilities and in-home setting and their direct care staff. I have been part of the vaccine's discussions front and center as a member of the Vaccines Equity group with Johnson County Public Health, and as a Human Right Commissioner with the City of Iowa City. I am aware and do share the frustration that the process is taking too long.

Johnson County Public Health is working to get out of Tier 1 to make their way to Tier 2, which is us. I also do recognize many people have been able to secure vaccines individually thru the Hy-Vees with their federal allocation as they are not being as stringent as they should be with the established process.

As an organization, we are certainly not going to discourage it because we are prioritized within Phase 1B overall. Please just know, we ask you inform us if you receive a vaccine thru other sources so we can remove you from our list, and know, if you receive the 1st dose of two dose vaccines elsewhere, you must plan to continue with that source for the 2nd dose. We hope to be able to communicate our vaccines dates as soon as we get the call, and we ask for your continued patience.

Please share this message with those in need including DSPs, persons serve and their families.

Sincerely,

Roger B. Lusala
President / CEO

"MYEP is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing advocacy and person-centered services which facilitate personal growth and community inclusion to people with disabilities."

WHEN WILL I GET A COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Vaccine Distribution to Priority Populations

PHASE 1B - IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Persons aged 65 and older are eligible for the vaccine during any tier.



TIER 1

- First responders (e.g., firefighters, police officers, and child welfare social workers)
- PK-12 school staff, early childhood education, and childcare workers



TIER 2

- Food, agriculture, distribution and manufacturing workers who work in or live in congregate settings that do not allow for social distancing
- Individuals with disabilities living in home settings and their direct care staff



TIER 3

- Staff of and individuals living in congregate settings (does not include college dormitories)
- Government officials, to ensure continuity of government including staff, engaged in state business at the Iowa Capitol during the legislative session



TIER 4

- Inspectors responsible for hospital, long-term care, and child safety



TIER 5

- Correctional facility staff and individuals incarcerated

PHASE 1B BEGINS FEBRUARY 2021

Timeframes are estimated as of January 2021 and are subject to change.