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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

Dear Colleagues,

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) has been diligently planning for the arrival/approval of COVID-19 vaccine(s). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has notified us that if manufacturers are successful in developing safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine(s) then distribution and administration could begin before the end of this year.

Nationwide distribution of any COVID-19 vaccine will be a joint venture between the CDC and the Department of Defense. KDPH is working closely with the CDC and stakeholders in Kentucky to address planning, logistical, and operational considerations as part of our statewide vaccination plan. Our current planning scenario anticipates a late 2020 to early 2021 release of new vaccine(s). The initial amount of vaccine will be limited and require prioritization. Over time, the quantity of available vaccine should increase and enable vaccination of the general population as the year progresses. We are planning for the possibility of several different vaccines with varying storage requirements (refrigerated, frozen, and ultra-cold) and administration schedules. Our current draft allocation plan is posted at kycovid19.ky.gov.

We ask all interested vaccine providers to enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider by visiting this link: https://redcap.link/COVID19VaccineProvider. Time is of the essence and we request your prompt action. Attached, please find a checklist to assist with enrollment. Again, we ask that you do this quickly.

Thank you for your partnership to protect all Kentuckians from COVID-19.

Sincerely yours,