



Public Health

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Dear school staff, teachers, and families,

We wanted to take a moment to let you know the current status and plans for vaccination of educators and other school staff.

As you know, last week Governor Polis announced updates to Colorado's Phased Prioritization for COVID-19 vaccine distribution which included the expansion of phase 1B. The new expansion is divided into two groups, those above the "dotted line" which now includes adults 70 and older, and those below the "dotted line," which includes frontline essential workers.

The state has instructed us to focus on vaccinating the critical populations above the dotted line first, before moving on to other groups in Phase 1B, including educators.

We have made great strides vaccinating our highest risk healthcare workers, first responders, and most vulnerable residents but there is more work to be done. As of right now, Colorado is receiving 60,000 doses per week, 20,000 of which is being allocated for the long-term care and skilled nursing facilities which have been impacted the most severely. With limited doses of vaccine coming to Boulder County for the foreseeable future, we are committed to following the state's prioritization focused on saving lives and ending the healthcare crisis brought on by the pandemic.

We are currently focused on getting the vaccine to our moderate risk healthcare workers and first responders in phase 1B. We anticipate that a limited exception will be made for select school district personnel that fit this description, specifically health staff.

Simultaneously, we are partnering with other providers, such as hospitals, health systems, pharmacies, and safety net clinics, to provide vaccination to individuals who are 70 years of age and older. Early next week we hope to announce locations where our older adults in Phase 1B can schedule appointments for the vaccine.

Based on current vaccine supply, we anticipate completing vaccination for moderate risk healthcare workers, first responders and adults 70 and older around early March. The state has instructed us to focus on vaccinating these critical populations first, before moving on to other groups in Phase 1B, including educators. The state has made it clear that we cannot move to providing vaccine to educators without the state's approval or we risk losing vaccine altogether. We understand this is contrary to what the news is reporting; the state is working directly with those who have moved ahead prematurely to assure they adhere to the state's protocols.

Please know that we are planning for you. We ask for your patience as we work with the district to create a vaccination plan that is ready to go as soon as we have finished providing vaccine to the higher risk groups, as required by the state.

In health,

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