

December 16, 2020

Dear Advocates, Stakeholders and Employers:

On December 3, 2020, Director Garcia announced the creation of the Infectious Disease Advisory Council (IDAC). Given the impending, limited federal distribution of FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has convened a team of appointed external and internal subject matter experts, known collectively as IDAC. This council assists the IDPH Director and Medical Director in developing guidance for the prioritization of populations early in the vaccination response when vaccine supply is limited, as outlined in the State of Iowa COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy. This group brings together clinical and ethical expertise from across the state, including university leadership, infectious disease specialists, local public health agencies, key provider associations that represent vulnerable populations, and IDPH and other state agency representatives.

The IDAC is providing an opportunity for stakeholders like you to engage in the dialogue and share specific considerations for those you represent. Given the breadth of the [IDAC's framework](#) and the short timeframe to accomplish the work, we invite you to provide written feedback. The IDAC will weigh all feedback received in developing its recommendations. A summary of feedback received will be posted to the IDAC website.

You may submit your written feedback to Director@dhs.state.ia.us. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020.

We look forward to your input on this critical effort.

Sincerely,

Ken Sharp, Chair
Infectious Disease Advisory Council
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