

February 4, 2021

Ken Sharp, Chair
Infectious Disease Advisory Council
Iowa Department of Public Health
Des Moines, IA

Re: Infectious Disease Advisory Council Recommendations, Phase 1C

Dear Chair Sharp:

I am incredibly grateful to each member of IDAC as they have volunteered their time and expertise to assist in developing Iowa's vaccination strategy. The equity lens that this group brought to the conversation has been invaluable. We know our local partners will continue to employ this lens as they administer the vaccine to priority populations while it remains a scarce resource.

In your letter dated February 3, 2021, you provided recommendations for prioritization of Phase 1C populations. I have reviewed the recommendations and I am pleased to accept them in full without modification. Should circumstances substantially change, the Department may contemplate additional changes and we are committed to keeping the public apprised should that need arise.

Given the anticipated time it will take to move through the Phase 1B priority populations due to their size and the ongoing scarcity of vaccine in the state, I do not believe further prioritization beyond Phase 1C is needed at this time.

Thank you again for your efforts as Chair of the IDAC, and to the IDAC members for their vital contributions.

Sincerely,



Kelly Garcia, Interim Director
Iowa Department of Public Health