

Date: February 8, 2021

To: Local Public Health and Iowa Enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

Re: Allocation Cadence and Vaccine Ordering – UPDATE

Local Public Health and Enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers –

During the Friday, February 5th vaccine provider webinar, IDPH presented an updated vaccine allocation cadence and decision making model. This model was based on information available as of Thursday, February 4th. You have recently heard Governor Reynolds raise concerns regarding federal data that indicates Iowa is 47th in the nation in doses allocated per 100,000 population. Following the Friday, February 5th webinar Iowa held a meeting with White House Officials to better understand why Iowa's ranking was lower than expected. Iowa learned during this meeting that due to our allocation cadence, there is an appearance Iowa's allocation numbers are lower than actuality.

We have learned most states immediately place their vaccine order when the doses become available in VTrckS on Thursday evening. Due to inconsistencies Iowa experienced in federal allocation projections in December, Iowa established an allocation cadence that did not begin until the doses became available in VTrckS, which allowed us to ensure consistency in the allocation numbers we shared with you via HAN. This resulted in Iowa placing an order a few days later, creating a timing challenge for how OWS reports state's allocation rates. This has caused a significant public misperception that Iowa is either not receiving or not ordering all available doses. This is not the case; Iowa has ordered every dose made available in VTrckS.

To help improve public perception and understanding, IDPH will begin ordering vaccines on Thursday evening when our state allocation of doses becomes available in VTrckS. Unfortunately; this means we must make yet another adjustment in the timing of our weekly HAN alerts for county allocations. We will make this adjustment by implementing the following allocation cadence effective Monday, February 8th (see next page):

ALLOCATIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8 - 12

- Monday (2/8) – Counties respond at Noon to HAN alert issued Friday, Feb 5th. IDPH places PRIME DOSE ORDER Monday evening, February 8. Product arrives at providers Tuesday (2/9) through Thursday (2/11) this week.
 - Tuesday (2/9) – Issue HAN alert for BOOST DOSE ALLOCATION Tuesday 8:30AM. County response due back 4:00PM. IDPH places BOOST DOSE ORDER Tuesday evening, Feb 9.
 - Wednesday (2/10) – Issue HAN alert for PRIME DOSE ALLOCATION Wednesday 8:30AM. County response due back 4:00PM. IDPH places PRIME DOSE ORDER on Thursday evening (2/11) once doses are available in VTckS. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Friday (2/12) through Monday (2/15). IDPH has conducted the 80% administration assessment today and has contacted any county that was below the 80% target.
 - Thursday (2/11) – Issue HAN alert for BOOST DOSE ALLOCATION Thursday 8:30AM. County response due back Friday, 4:00PM. IDPH places BOOST DOSE ORDER Sunday evening Feb 13 once doses are available in VTckS. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Monday (2/15) through Wednesday (2/17).
 - **Allocations for PRIME DOSE ALLOCATIONS issued via HAN on Friday, Feb 5th will serve as the static prime dose allocation for all counties through February, except for when the 80% burn rate is not achieved.**
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ALLOCATION CADENCE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 – 19

- Sunday (2/14) – IDPH runs burn rate calculation. See calculation guidance issued below.
- Monday (2/15) - Call Counties with less than 80% burn rate for the prior week.
- Tuesday (2/16) – Issue HAN alert for PRIME DOSE ALLOCATION @ 8:30AM. County response due Wednesday 12:00PM. IDPH places PRIME DOSE ORDER Thursday evening (2/18) once doses are available in VTckS. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Friday (2/19) through Monday (2/22).
- Thursday (2/18) – Issue HAN alert for BOOST DOSE ALLOCATION @ 8:30AM. County response due Friday 12:00PM. IDPH places BOOST DOSE ORDER Sunday evening (2/21) once doses are available in VTckS. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Monday (2/22) through Wednesday (2/24).

Burn Rate Calculation Guidance

Numerator = First dose administrations reported in IRIS for the county during the 7 day period of Monday Feb 8 - Sunday Feb 14

Denominator = The number of PRIME DOSES ORDERED for the county on Monday, Feb 8.

ALLOCATION CADENCE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-26

- Sunday (2/21) – IDPH runs burn rate calculation. See calculation guidance issued below.
- Monday (2/22) - Call Counties with less than 80% burn rate for the prior week.

- Tuesday (2/23) - Issue HAN alert for PRIME DOSE ALLOCATION @ 8:30AM. County response due Wednesday 12:00PM. IDPH places PRIME DOSE ORDER Thursday evening once doses are available in VTrckS. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Friday (2/26) through Monday (3/1).
- Thursday (2/25) – Issue HAN alert for BOOST DOSE ALLOCATION @ 8:30AM. County response due Friday 12:00PM. IDPH places BOOST DOSE ORDER Sunday evening once doses are available in VTrcks. Doses arrive at vaccine providers Monday (3/1) through Wednesday (3/3).

Burn Rate Calculation Guidance

Numerator = First dose administrations reported in IRIS for the county during the 7 day period of Monday Feb 15 - Sunday Feb 21.

Denominator = The number of PRIME DOSES ORDERED for the county on Thursday Feb 11.