

# NETWORK Notification

Notice Date:	March 16, 2021
То:	Indiana Providers
From:	CareSource
Subject:	COVID-19: High-Risk Vaccination Eligibility Update

### Summary

CareSource would like to notify Indiana providers of an update from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) regarding high-risk conditions for COVID-19 vaccination eligibility. The IDH has expanded the high-risk conditions for COVID-19 vaccination eligibility to include additional individuals.

#### Impact

Individuals with the following conditions are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Cystic fibrosis
- Muscular dystrophy
  - People born with severe heart defects, requiring specialized medical care.
  - People with severe type 1 diabetes, who have been hospitalized in the past year.
  - Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tay-Sachs, and other rare, inherited metabolic disorders.
  - Epilepsy with continuing seizures, hydrocephaly, microcephaly and other severe neurologic disorders
  - People with severe asthma who have been hospitalized for this in the past year
  - Alpha and beta thalassemia
  - Spina bifida
  - Cerebral palsy
- People who require supplemental oxygen and/or tracheostomy
- Pulmonary fibrosis, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, HIV, daily use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, receiving tumor necrosis factor-alpha blocker or rituximab.
- Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled individuals receiving home/community-based services. (Family and Social Services Administration will provide patient information for this community.)
- Other

#### Importance

Providers submitting eligible patients for vaccination must enter their information here:

<u>https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/C19PatientPopulation/Default.aspx</u>. Detailed instructions, as well as a letter for patients, are attached. **Please input eligible patients into the portal as soon as possible**. Other eligibility categories will be added in the near future, and we want to afford these individuals the opportunity to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

## Resources

Please access the IDH <u>Provider Letter</u> and <u>Patient Letter</u> for more information.

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