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To: All Certified and Licensed Emergency Medical Personnel
   All Certified and Licensed Emergency Medical Services

Re: Covid-19 Vaccine Information

All Certified and Licensed Emergency Medical Personnel have unique risks for contracting the Covid-19 Virus. The degree of risk varies within the workforce. However, all certified and licensed emergency medical personnel are encouraged to get the vaccine.

This document is directed to Oklahoma Certified and Licensed Emergency Medical Personnel to detail how to receive the vaccine. It is also directed to the entities eligible to distribute and administer the vaccine. Specifically, certified and licensed personnel are eligible to receive the vaccine within Category One.

The vaccine will be distributed in the following manner:

- Vaccine will be received from the manufacturers. It will be delivered to the Oklahoma State Department of Health and delivered to distribution points across the state, or drop shipped to the distribution and administration locations.
- The distribution locations will be sending vaccines to administration locations which include:
  - Hospitals;
  - County Health Departments;
  - Health Clinics; and
  - Other locations as the categories are completed.
- EMS Agencies (or personnel) can contact these administration points to schedule a time to receive a vaccine.

As you may know, it is anticipated that 10-15% of the individuals receiving these vaccinations will experience mild side-effects. Therefore, agencies may schedule personnel, or ask personnel to schedule immunizations at specific intervals minimize any staffing issues that could result from these potential side effects.

Agencies (or personnel) should contact the administration locations to make arrangements to schedule the administration of vaccines. These points of administrations have agreed to minimize any vaccine wastage, so they may not have extra’s doses to administer to unscheduled providers. The points of administration will be able to order weekly to receive vaccines.
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In Category 1, the points of administration that may be the easiest for providers to access are
the County and City/County Health Departments and Hospitals.

In Category 2, the points of administration become more broad and vaccination more readily
available from physicians, pharmacies, or other points of care. It may be advantageous to
schedule vaccinations in this phase because they may be closer to your location.

Agencies (or personnel) may be asked by local county health departments or other points of
administration to provide personnel to assist with mass vaccination drives. If you choose to
participate in these vaccination drives, the entity hosting the drive will need to ensure the
personnel are approved, trained, and credentialed to perform the actual vaccinations. The
specifics for this will be provided on a separate Memo.

The Department will be posting responses to “Frequently Asked Questions” on its Covid-19
webpage: https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/vaccine-information.html.

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