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Preparing for a COVID-19 Vaccine IDPH Planning & Distribution Update

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has convened a stakeholder workgroup, comprised of IMS and other leaders within the provider and public health community, to assist with planning and distribution of an anticipated COVID-19 vaccine. IMS has prepared this update to quickly convey the latest updates and will continue to provide these regular updates as they become available. Please note, this information is rapidly evolving and may change. Practices are encouraged to contact IMS with any questions about this information.

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The State of Iowa has submitted its interim COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy to the CDC and is now releasing this to the provider community to help prepare for an anticipated vaccine. This plan will be reviewed by federal officials over the next two weeks with the goal of finalizing Iowa's plan by November 1, 2020. The full draft plan and Executive Summary are available below.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy Interim Plan Executive Summary](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy Interim Plan](#)

IMS is currently reviewing the details of this initial plan and welcomes your feedback on the state's proposal. Another meeting of the Vaccine IDPH Planning & Distribution Workgroup is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. We will be speaking with state officials, sharing feedback, and posing additional questions ahead of this meeting. To share your thoughts or ask questions about the state's plans for distribution and administration of an anticipated COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the IMS staff listed below.

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