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Dear Hoosier:

The Indiana Department of Health works to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The best tool we have is vaccination. The supply of vaccine is limited, but it is available to those with certain medical conditions that place them more at risk than others of becoming severely ill if infected with COVID-19.

Some of those medical conditions include:

- Active dialysis patients
- Sickle cell disease patients
- Down syndrome
- Post-solid organ transplant
- People who are actively in treatment (chemotherapy, radiation, surgery) for cancer now or in the last three months, or with active primary lung cancer or active hematologic cancers; lymphoma, leukemia and multiple myeloma
- Early childhood conditions that are carried into adulthood:
  - 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

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services. (Family and Social Services Administration will provide patient information for this community.)

If you have any of these conditions, you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Before you can make an appointment, your healthcare provider will submit your information to the Indiana Department of Health. You'll receive a text message and/or email in the near future with a link unique only to you that can only be used to sign up for a vaccine appointment.

Please take these steps now to make sure you are able to make a vaccination appointment:

- ✔ Touch base with your provider to ensure your medications won't interfere with the vaccine.
- ✔ Ensure your healthcare provider has your correct email and cell phone number (or the contact information of someone who can help you).

You will also receive a letter in the future with more details when registration is open for you. You should bring that letter with you to your appointment, but it is not required if you sign up with your unique link. You'll also be able to call 211 to make an appointment **after** you receive the message or letter. Hoosiers who are 16 and 17 years old will need to sign up for sites administering the Pfizer vaccine, and that information is available for each site when you schedule.

In the meantime, please continue to wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene and stay 6 feet away from others you don't live with.

Visit [ourshot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov) for more information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sincerely,

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