

# COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization: What's Next

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# Agenda

- Pros and Cons of Getting Vaccine Now
  - Dr. Holder
- Overview of latest federal actions
  - Shannon McCracken
- State Vaccine Allocation Plans Analysis
  - Donna Martin
- Question & Answers

# Joint Position Statement

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in **group homes or other community residential settings**.
- **All direct support professionals (DSP)**, including group home staff, in care settings aiding persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Given increased rates of serious illness and death from COVID-19 in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, **persons with this diagnosis or condition** should be explicitly included in the list of high-risk diagnoses that are used to determine vaccine priority.

# Organizations Supporting Position Statement



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# Vaccine Overview



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# Overview

- What vaccines are available?
- Efficacy
- Safety
- Length of protection
- Why should people with IDD be vaccinated soon?
- Who else should get it?
- Do we still have to wear PPE?



# What Vaccines are Available?

- Pfizer Vaccine (capacity, 1.3B doses per year)
  - Originally tested on adults over 18, then 16, now 12
  - mRNA vaccine
  - Targets the spike protein
  - **Available NOW**
- Moderna Vaccine
  - mRNA vaccine
  - Targets the spike protein
  - **Available very soon**
- Sputnik V (Russian vaccine)
  - Adenovirus vaccine
  - **Available in Russia, not in the US**
- Astrazeneca, Johnson and Johnson
  - Adenovirus vaccine
  - **Still in trials**

# Efficacy

- Pfizer ~37,000 people, 170 cases of covid, 162 placebo, 8 vaccine (~95%)
  - Efficacy of both vaccines appears to be the same across all demographic lines (racial, gender, age, BMI).
  - Of “severe” covid cases, 10:1::placebo:vaccine
- Moderna 196 cases of covid, 185 placebo, 11 vaccine (~95%)
  - Placebo group – 30 had severe disease, 1 died.
  - Vaccine group – online have mild symptoms.
- Sputnik V is touted as 90% effective
- Astrazeneca has strange results (62% effective with 2 doses, but 90% effective with 1/2 dose first shot)
- J &J - ?

# Safety

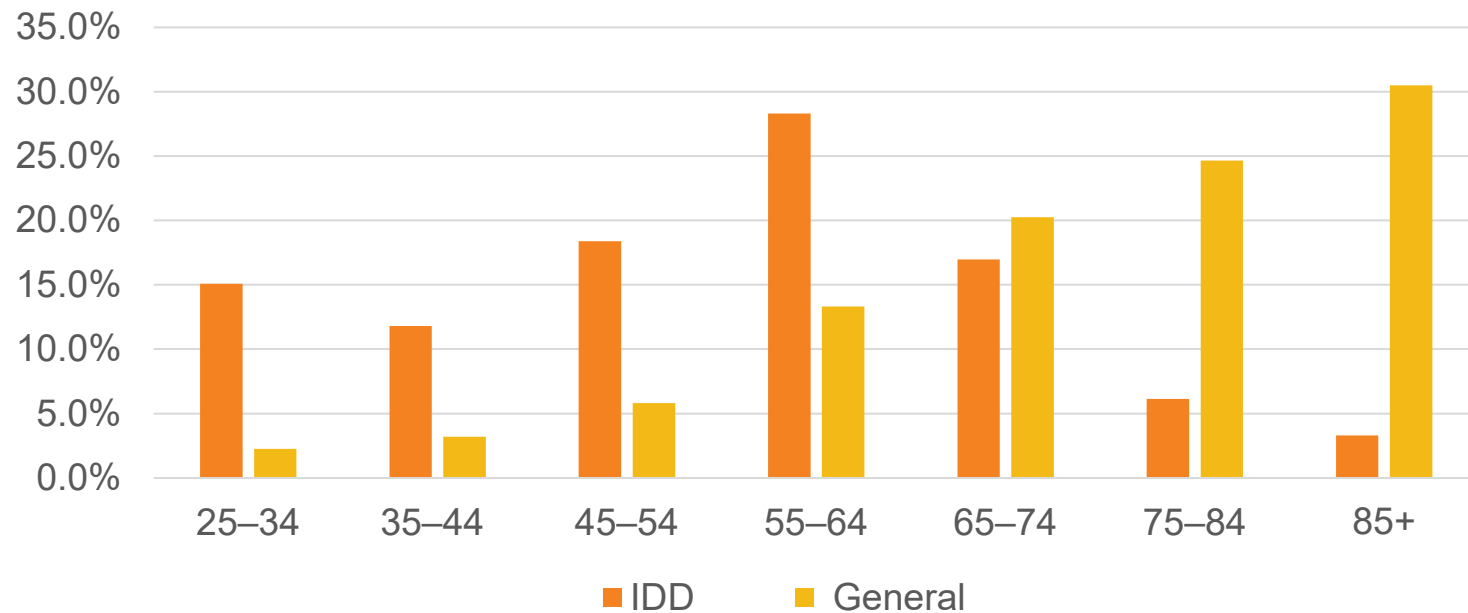
- Pfizer - Appears to be safe, but mRNA vaccines have never been licensed in the US before.
- Moderna – Technologically, very similar to the Pfizer vaccine, so likely a similar safety profile.
- Sputnik V – Wide use but only limited study sample size.
- Astrazeneca and J&J – Likely safe using more traditional.

# Length of Protection

- Nobody knows
- Median follow-up of the Pfizer study was approximately 2 months.

# Why Should People with IDD be Vaccinated Soon?

Age Bracket Percentage of All Causes of Death<sup>1,2</sup>



1. Georgia DBHDD 2016 Annual Mortality Report

2. [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid\\_weekly/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm)

# Why Should People with IDD be Vaccinated Soon?

1 in 4

People with IDD will die due to a respiratory illness <sup>1,2</sup>

1) Georgia DBHDD 2019 Annual Mortality Report

2) [https://shriver.umassmed.edu/sites/shriver.umassmed.edu/files/2012-13%20DDS%20Mortality%20Report%20Final\\_v2.pdf](https://shriver.umassmed.edu/sites/shriver.umassmed.edu/files/2012-13%20DDS%20Mortality%20Report%20Final_v2.pdf)



# Why Should People with IDD be Vaccinated Soon?

The Covid-19 case fatality rate for people with IDD may be as high as:

**15%**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7311922/>



# Who Else Should get the Vaccine?

- DSPs
- Caregivers
- Family members
- People who associate closely with people with IDD



# Do We **STILL** have to Wear PPE?

- Yes, at least for a while.
- It will take months before all the vaccines will be distributed.
- The vaccines are 95% effective, meaning it won't work for 1 in 20 people.
- My personal guess is that we'll start to see a relaxation of PPE requirements in the sometime in the Spring/Summer, once we see a significant decrease in cases and death rates.

# Questions for AADMD?



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# Overview of Federal Action



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# Federal Updates & Actions



- **OWS** (Operation Warp Speed)
- **CDC** (Centers for Disease Control)
- **ACIP** (Advisory Committee on Vaccination Practices)
- **NIH** (National Institutes of Health)
- **FDA** (Food & Drug Administration)

# Friday December 11



## EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION



# Vaccine Rollout Begins December 13



# First Americans Vaccinated December 14



# LTC Pharmacy Partnership

- **CVS, Walgreens, and select pharmacies** that are part of the MHA network will provide critical vaccination services to LTCFs. Participating MHA pharmacies include:
  - Absolute Pharmacy (in Ohio)
  - Community Pharmacy (in Iowa and Nebraska)
  - Consonus Pharmacy (in Oregon and Nevada)
  - HealthDirect/Kinney Drugs (in New York and Vermont)
  - Pharmscript (in Indiana, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and Texas)
  - Senior Care Pharmacy (in Alabama)
  - Thrifty Drug Stores (in Minnesota and North Dakota)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>



# State Vaccine Allocation Plans

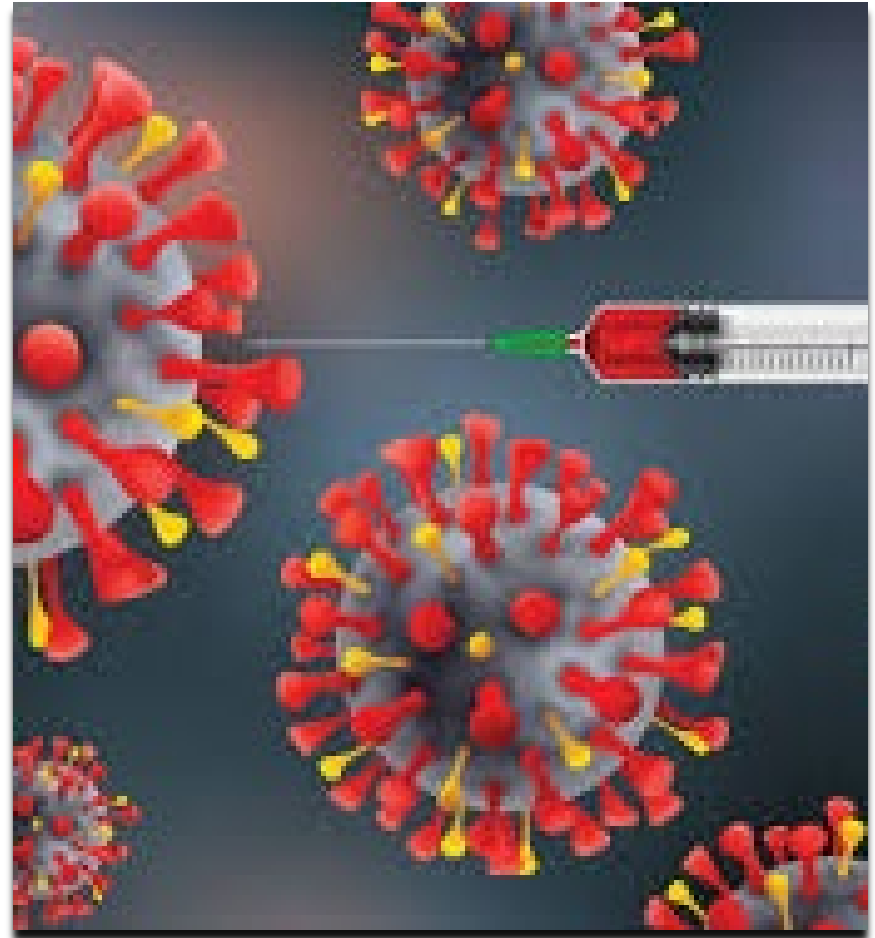


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# State Plan Components

- Organizational Structure and Partner Involvement
- Phased Approach
- Critical Populations
- Second-Dose Reminders
- Program Communication



# Key Findings

- States with early outbreaks tended to have more fully developed plans.
- Most states have thoroughly developed communication plans.
- **10 state plans explicitly prioritize people with I/DD.**

# States specifically identifying people with I/DD

STATE	PHASE	DEFINITIONS & NOTES
Colorado	2	Specifically, people living in group homes
Florida	1	People living in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs)
Georgia	2	People living in group homes
Hawaii	2	People living in group homes for persons with disabilities
Indiana	1b	People with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Louisiana	1b	People living in Adult Residential Care facilities and ICF/IIDs
North Carolina	1b	People living in family care homes and group homes
North Dakota	2	People living in ICF/IIDs and congregate settings; people at high risk of severe outcomes
Tennessee	1c <sup>4</sup>	People with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Washington	1a	People receiving Supported Living services

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# States specifically identifying DSPs

STATE	PHASE	DEFINITIONS & NOTES
Arizona	1a	Personal care aides
Colorado	N/A	"Human service provider of direct care of 'patients' in state-licensed or voluntary funded programs
Delaware	1c	Group home staff
Hawaii	2	Staff who work in group homes
Indiana	1a	Group home employees
Louisiana	1a	Staff of adult residential facilities, ICF/IIDs, developmental disabilities facilities, home- and community-based care
New Mexico	1b	Developmental disabilities providers in group home settings
North Carolina	1a	Staff in congregate living settings
Ohio	2	Critical risk workers in human services operations
Tennessee	1a	Staff in group homes
Washington	1a	Supported living staff

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- **13 States explicitly included I/DD stakeholders in the planning process.**

# I/DD Stakeholders included in Planning

STATE	STAKEHOLDER(S) IDENTIFIED
California	Department of Developmental Services
Colorado	Disability advocacy groups and Cross-Disability Coalition
Indiana	Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services
Kansas	Alliance for Kansans with Disabilities; InterHab (a state provider association)
Montana	Organizations serving people with disabilities
New Mexico	Monthly meeting of Disabilities Access & Functional Needs group
North Carolina	Disability Rights North Carolina (the state's Protection & Advocacy organization)
Ohio	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Oregon	Representatives from long-term care facilities; representatives of community-based care organizations; disability support staff
South Carolina	Advocates for special needs populations; the states Developmental Disabilities Council
South Dakota	Department of Social Services; Department of Human Services
Tennessee	Commission on Aging & Disabilities; Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
Vermont	Developmental Disabilities Council; Disability Rights Vermont; Developmental Disabilities Services Division



# Final thoughts....

- The general oversight of states to recognize the I/DD community in planning and preparedness further reinforces our message of #ForgottenFaces.
- Advocate outreach to the NGA, DGA and RGA by ANCOR helping to encourage recognition of people with I/DD.
- Advocacy at the state level by State Associations and Providers is making a huge impact in the efforts to prioritize people with I/DD and those who support them.
- Keep up the good work!

# Questions...



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