**Conversation w/CDC re: pts w/IDD (without Down Syndrome) and COVID-19 vaccination**

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Thanks, Dawn. I will pass this along to our emergency preparedness project officers, as well as the Emergency Operations Center disability inclusion staffer.

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Hi there, sharing the below from Alice Kuo, LEND Director at UC LEND, who is challenged by administrators who are allowing ONLY her patients with Down Syndrome to get vaccinated and caregivers of people with IDD to get vaccinated. Other individuals with IDD who are also at higher risk are not allowed vaccination by their administrators, as the administrators are only following CDC guidance re: Down Syndrome and caregivers. This is leaving individuals with IDD unvaccinated, though they are at great risk as well. Alice is hoping this might be shared with CDC, letting them know this barrier exists – is that something you can help with?

Many thanks,

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Hi Annabelle,

I am a primary care provider for many ID/DD patients so their parents who are IHSS providers need to get the vaccine. I met with Lily Roh yesterday who said that only Down Syndrome patients could get the vaccine because this was listed on the CDC website, but how would we go about getting our parents who are IHSS providers vaccinated? Will I be able to order the vaccine and they can schedule?

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR0G0v6qRQ$)

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The corollary is that the recommendation is that all patients with ID/DD be vaccinated as well, so when these parents schedule, they will be asking on behalf of their child. To only restrict the vaccine to Down Syndrome is going to seem significantly limiting and potentially unfair. Lily said she sent the request to the command center but it was denied. Some of my parents are high profile employees (faculty, admin leadership) at UCLA so I just wanted to check before I sent them to County to get their vaccine.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/health/covid-developmental-disabilities.html](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/health/covid-developmental-disabilities.html__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR0col-Ysw$)

[https://ncd.gov/newsroom/2020/ncd-recommends-covid-19-vaccine-allocation-equity-individuals-idd](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/ncd.gov/newsroom/2020/ncd-recommends-covid-19-vaccine-allocation-equity-individuals-idd__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR3SCuBWow$)

[https://ddi.wayne.edu/aucd/covid19vaccine-idd-statement.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/ddi.wayne.edu/aucd/covid19vaccine-idd-statement.pdf__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR2TUa92wA$)

[https://ddi.wayne.edu/aucd/risk\_factors\_for\_covid-19\_mortality\_among\_privately\_insured\_patients\_-\_a\_claims\_data\_analysis\_-\_a\_fair\_health\_white\_paper\_11-9-20.pdf](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/ddi.wayne.edu/aucd/risk_factors_for_covid-19_mortality_among_privately_insured_patients_-_a_claims_data_analysis_-_a_fair_health_white_paper_11-9-20.pdf__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR0xLu1rdw$)

Thanks,

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Hi Alice,

Included are the providers that can sign up at PODS, which includes IHSS.  For patients, they would maybe fit into Phase 1b.  As far as I know, we haven’t diverted from CDPH’s algorithm.

Including Naman for all things related to vaccine.  Naman, Alice is the head of Prev Med at UCLA and trying to get her IHSS patients on their list for vaccine.

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/HCWSignup/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/HCWSignup/__;!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR3In8OxEA$)

[https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#When-can-I-get-vaccinated](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/*When-can-I-get-vaccinated__;Iw!!F9wkZZsI-LA!UVLQpNyuT4HGjVrMHFkNVD64FhUxLfYKzYvFeRe14xt3PuN6enfenw8tuR0mivr2zg$)

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