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CDC Amends Vaccine Advisory Categories to Include Hotel Workers in Phase 1C

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA) has been working with the CDC to prioritize hotel workers in the COVID-19 vaccination schedule. We are pleased to share that the CDC has now amended its guidance to prioritize “Traveler Accommodation” under Phase 1c of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. This is a significant achievement that directly impacts the health and safety of hotel workers across the country.

HAWDC has been working with the District government to prioritize hotel workers in the vaccination schedule. We will now use this new guidance from the CDC to urge Mayor Bowser to amend the District's vaccination schedule to include the District's hotel employees in the next phase of vaccinations. Hotel employees are essential workers, who come in contact with the public daily, and must be provided the vaccine as soon as possible.

District to Enter Into Phase 1C Tier 1 of Vaccination Schedule

The week of March 1st, DC will begin Phase 1C Tier 1 and the following populations will become eligible for the vaccine: DC Residents who are 16-64 years old with qualifying medical conditions.

- Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and other Chronic Lung Disease
- Bone Marrow and Solid Organ Transplantation
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular Disease
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Heart Conditions, such as Heart Failure, Coronary Artery Disease, or Cardiomyopathies
- HIV

- Hypertension
- Immunocompromised State
- Inherited Metabolic Disorders
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Liver Disease
- Neurologic Conditions
- Obesity, BMI \geq 30 kg/m²
- Pregnancy
- Severe Genetic Disorders
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Thalassemia

To make an appointment please visit vaccinate.dc.gov or call 855-363-0333.

The District government has been following the CDC's guidance on which populations to include in each vaccination stage. Now that the CDC has included hotel employees in its advisory schedule for Phase 1C, we are hopeful that the District will now amend its Phase 1C schedule to also include hotel employees. Notwithstanding the low supply of vaccines, HAWDC will continue to work with the Mayor's office regarding the importance of vaccinating our industry's employees. As always, we will continue update members regarding our efforts on this important issue.

Regards,
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