



Division of Rehabilitation Services – Home Services Program

Individual Provider COVID-19 Vaccination Update

January 21, 2021

Dear HSP Individual Provider:

The Illinois Department of Human Services and Service Employees International Union, Healthcare Illinois Indiana (SEIU), are committed to the health, safety, and well-being of Individual Providers. We understand many of you have been thinking about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Front-line health care workers and long-term care residents are the first groups prioritized for the vaccine. **IDHS and SEIU worked together to ensure that in Illinois, Individual Providers who work for Customers in the Home Services Program are considered front-line health care workers who are eligible now to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. We strongly urge you to get vaccinated as soon as you are able to do so.**

To find out where you can get a vaccine, visit www.Coronavirus.Illinois.gov or contact your local health department.

If you have been trying to receive a vaccine but have been unable to obtain one through your local health department, IDHS is here to help. You can:

- Email DHS.Covid19@illinois.gov OR
- Call IDHS' COVID Vaccine Info Line at (217) 558-3350

Some related notes:

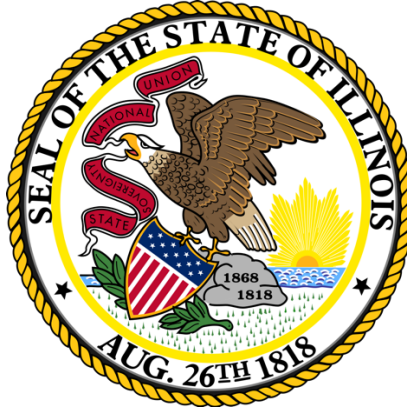
- Unfortunately, local DRS office staff cannot secure an appointment for the vaccine.
- The [IDPH COVID-19 Vaccination plan](#) includes “Home Health” and “Home Aide/Caregiver” workers pages 13-14 – FAQs on vaccination are available at <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>
- The [Illinois Department of Public Health's website](#) is the best source of information on [regional conditions](#) and the activities restricted and permitted in each region.
- To avoid any delays when you go to your vaccination appointment, we suggest that you bring a photo ID and a paper or digital image of your most recent pay stub or the *HSP Individual Provider Worker Identification* form to verify work status. This form is on the reverse of this letter and on the [HSP COVID-19 webpage](#).

An effective, safe, and easily accessible vaccine will help all of us return to normal. Getting vaccinated will afford you a critical layer of protection against the virus. Protecting you also helps protect your family and friends, especially those who may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Please continue to be well.

Sincerely,

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HSP INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER WORKER IDENTIFICATION

I AM A PERSONAL ASSISTANT
IN THE HOME SERVICES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

I WORK FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED
AS A FRONT-LINE HEALTHCARE WORKER ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION IN
PHASE 1a OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITIZATION SCHEDULE.

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