

## Health Alert Network Message 21-10: Letter to Louisiana COVID-19 Enrolled Sites Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination Priorities

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## **COVID-19 Vaccination Priority**

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters working in community- and clinic-based settings, as well as support service providers who facilitate communication and community access for DeafBlind individuals (individuals who are both deaf and blind), are considered "Community Care Clinic Providers." The Louisiana Department of Health defines Community Care Clinic Providers as "staff providing community and home-based care to older adults and people with disabilities" in legal, medical, government, and other public and private settings. Providers of these services are eligible to be vaccinated under Phase 1b Tier 1. Interpreters working solely in education environments will be included in Phase 2 with school staff.

DeafBlind individuals receiving community and home-based care services are also eligible for vaccination under Phase 1b Tier 1 "Community Care Clinic Recipients."

In order to receive a vaccination, patients must contact a participating location and make an appointment. Do not arrive at a location without an appointment. Be prepared to provide proof of eligibility, such as a letter from your employer or service provider, employment badge, check stub, invoice statement, proof of certification, or other similar documentation. You may also download a copy of this letter for additional support. Click **HERE** for Vaccine Locations.

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https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-

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https://ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine/

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