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### Iowa County Seeks Independent Healthcare Workers Who Are Ready for COVID-19 Vaccine

*Iowa County* -- In anticipation of increased vaccine availability locally, Iowa County Health Department is putting out a call to independent healthcare workers who need a COVID-19 vaccine.

“We are looking for healthcare workers who are independent and have no other way to obtain vaccine through an employer,” said Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department.

Following tiers defined by a state advisory group, individuals who provide direct patient service or engage in healthcare services that place them into contact with patients who may have COVID-19 are defined as [Tier 1a](#), and are currently eligible for vaccine. Independent healthcare workers are those not employed by a facility who can vaccinate them.

Independent healthcare workers are asked to email the Iowa County Health Department at [healthinfo@iowacounty.org](mailto:healthinfo@iowacounty.org). The Health Department will then follow up to verify your license or credential and gather your contact information.

If a healthcare worker is employed as part of a healthcare system, clinic, pharmacy, or dental office, we ask that they speak with their employer about the plan to receive vaccine.

**Vaccine is not yet available to the general public.** Iowa County Health Department asks for residents' patience as we first vaccinate healthcare workers and long-term care facility staff and residents. We will share information widely when we are authorized to start vaccinating other populations.

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