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Governor

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State Health Commissioner

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Dear Hoosier:

The Indiana Department of Health works to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The best tool we have is vaccination. The supply of vaccine is limited but will soon be available to those with certain medical conditions that place them more at risk than others of becoming severely ill if infected with COVID-19.

Some of those medical conditions include:

- Active dialysis patients
- Sickle cell disease patients
- Down syndrome
- Post-solid organ transplant
- People who are actively in treatment (chemotherapy, radiation, surgery) for cancer now or in the last three months, or with active primary lung cancer or active hematologic cancers; lymphoma, leukemia and multiple myeloma

If you have any of these conditions, you will soon be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Indiana Department of Health asks you to please take these steps now to make sure you are ready to receive the vaccine when it's available to you:

- ✔ Touch base with your provider to ensure your medications won't interfere with the vaccine.
- ✔ Ensure your healthcare provider has your correct email and cell phone number (or the contact information of someone who can help you).

You'll receive a text message and/or email in the near future with a link unique only to you that can only be used once to sign up for a vaccine appointment. Hoosiers who are 16 and 17 years old will need to sign up for sites administering the Pfizer vaccine, and that information is available for each site when you schedule. You will also receive a letter in the future with more details when vaccine registration is open for you. You should bring that letter with you to your appointment, but it is not required if you sign up with your unique link. In the meantime, please continue to wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene and stay 6 feet away from others you don't live with.

Visit ourshot.in.gov for more information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sincerely,

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To **promote**, **protect**, and **improve** the health and safety of all Hoosiers.