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**RE: Need for Transparency in COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Schedule**

Dear Dr. Walensky, General Perna, and Dr. Kessler:

The undersigned healthcare organizations applaud the recent decision to release available COVID-19 vaccine doses to providers. However, in order for healthcare professionals to fully utilize the supply of vaccine, they must have visibility into the expected availability of future doses. **To expedite vaccinations, we ask that the federal government share, with states and providers, the anticipated lot release dates for vaccine doses purchased through Operation Warp Speed.**

Mass administration of vaccines requires significant staff resources and logistics coordination. Currently, hospitals, community pharmacies, long-term care pharmacies, and other points of dispensing lack transparency into how many doses will be available and when. This makes planning and communicating with patients about vaccination scheduling very difficult.

Further, both the Pfizer-BioNTech and the Moderna vaccines require the administration of two doses for the vaccines to be fully effective in protecting individuals from COVID-19. In order for providers to administer an initial dose of these vaccines, they must have confidence that sufficient supply will be available to administer the second dose, based on the timing indicated in the Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorizations. Without greater transparency into the anticipated availability of future doses, providers have no assurance that sufficient supply will be available to complete vaccination courses for patients who have received an initial dose.

The U.S. government could mitigate potential delays by sharing anticipated lot release dates from manufacturers. This would give providers more clarity as they plan mass administration efforts and greater confidence that second doses will be available when their patients need them. We recognize that creating allocation schedules may not be possible at the provider level, but state or national level schedules would go a long way to addressing challenges and would significantly expedite vaccinations. A similar model was used this past summer for the government's allocation of remdesivir. For that product, a weekly dashboard of allocations per state was also provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to make the process more transparent for healthcare providers. We encourage you to take a similar approach for vaccines acquired through Operation Warp Speed.

Thank you for your consideration as our members continue working to meet our nation's vaccination goals. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists)	Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy	Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists
American College of Clinical Pharmacy	Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists	Mississippi Society of Health-System Pharmacists
America's Essential Hospitals	Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons	Montana Pharmacists Association
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association	Nebraska Pharmacists Association
National Pharmaceutical Association	New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists	New York Council of Health-System Pharmacists
Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists	North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Arkansas Association of Health-System Pharmacists	Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists
California Society of Health-System Pharmacists	Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Colorado Pharmacists Society	Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists	Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Hawaii Pharmacists Association	Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin
Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists	South Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists	Vermont Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Indiana Pharmacists Association	Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists