**Vaccination Planning for Missourians who are Homebound**

The purpose of this framework is to ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to those homebound Missourian’s who wish to receive it. Various communities and vaccinators have already developed a plan for vaccinating the homebound in their area/reach. Those individuals should continue this great work. This framework is intended to supplement what is currently taking place at the local level to address the need.

For the purpose of this framework, \*homebound persons include those that need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, and typically do not leave their home. \*This is the Medicare definition of homebound and is also used by CDC in homebound vaccination planning.

The general framework is described below. Details have been provided where necessary to provide clarity.

* Homebound Referral Process.
  + Individuals reaching out to the State seeking vaccination for a homebound individual will be directed to reach out to their local Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Messaging regarding the homebound referral process has been pushed out via all state communication channels to help streamline this process with a single entry point and can be found at <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/seniors/>. Please refer individuals seeking vaccination for homebound to this site.
  + Adults who are homebound can register through their local AAA or by selecting the homebound indicator through Vaccine Navigator on MOStopsCovid.com.
  + The homebound individual, their caregiver or healthcare provider can make the referral to the AAA or through the registration process in Vaccine Navigator on MOStopsCovid.com.
  + Each AAA will maintain a listing of the homebound individuals seeking vaccination.
  + The list will include all pertinent information needed for consent – name, address, phone number, DOB, sex, race, Hispanic ethnicity.
  + If interpreter is needed it will be clearly noted and language will be identified.
  + Client level consent will be obtained.
  + The AAAs will also identify the number of additional members of the household eligible to be vaccinated at the same time. (No guarantee will be made as to the availability of a vaccine for these household members. Dependent upon vaccine availability.)
  + It is recognized that the AAAs may have established partnerships with local public health agencies (LPHA). In that case, the list of homebound individuals may be provided directly to the appropriate LPHA. In the event that no established partnership is in place, the list of homebound individuals may be provided to the appropriate Regional Implementation Team (RIT) to facilitate the vaccination process.
  + A copy of each list will be provided to [Marcia.davis@health.mo.gov](mailto:Marcia.davis@health.mo.gov) as it is provided to each RIT / LPHA in order to ensure vaccine allocation.
* RIT team receives homebound list from AAAs.
  + A contact list for the AAA(s) serving the RIT region is attached as **Appendix A.** 
    - The AAA service area is not the same as the highway patrol region. There may be multiple AAAs servicing one RIT region.
  + The cadence of how and when to receive the client list will be determined by each RIT / AAA partnership(s).
  + The RIT team will contact the appropriate LPHA and provide guidance and support to ensure vaccination of homebound individual(s).
* LPHA receives homebound list from the RIT or the AAA.
  + If the LPHA has a plan in place to vaccinate the homebound, that plan can be followed. The LPHA can also chose to incorporate this framework into their existing plan.
  + If the LPHA does not have a plan, DHSS or the RIT will provide resources to identify local planning partners and the applicable agencies/organizations to develop and implement a vaccination plan. When needed, DHSS has worked to develop a solution for vaccination of homebound citizen using local EMS
    - The LPHA can reach out to their local EMS to schedule vaccinations for their homebound citizens.
    - Should the local EMS not have capacity to assist, the LPHA can notify Jason White ([jwhite@marc.org](mailto:jwhite@marc.org)) or Bob Patterson ([Robert.Patterson@mercy.net](mailto:Robert.Patterson@mercy.net)) who will work to assign another EMS service to assist using EMS Mutual Aid.
    - The LPHA will order the vaccine using the current ordering process and complete required reporting to DHSS.
      * To order vaccine for homebound patients;
        + Must be an enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider.
        + Provider will place an online order using the vaccine online ordering form [COVID vaccine online ordering form](https://redcapsdp.azurewebsites.net/redcap/surveys/?s=TY8DTL4RYY).
        + All vaccine types are on the request form - Provider will request which vaccine they want for the homebound.
        + Order is placed and a confirmation is sent from ShowMe Vax along with a confirmation email.
        + Provider will then send a copy of the current COVID-19 vaccine order confirmation to the [covidvaccineorders@health.mo.gov](mailto:covidvaccineorders@health.mo.gov) email informing the ordering team how many doses are for homebound patients.
        + Order is received by enrolled provider.
        + Minimum order is 100 doses for J&J and Moderna and 1,170 for Pfizer. **Note:** The minimum doses required for Pfizer may be changing.
* EMS will pick up the vaccine from the identified LPHA.
  + EMS can use DHSS standing order if necessary.
  + EMS funding has been established through Department of Public Safety (DPS) and EMS will continue to bill this way.
  + EMS can use their discretion when vaccinating additional members of the household in order to avoid vaccine wastage.
  + Guidance on how to pack, store and transport the vaccine can be found in [CDC’s guidance for vaccination of the homebound](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/homebound-persons.html).
  + Should the contacted EMS service be unable to accommodate the homebound request, they will notify Bob Patterson / Jason White and a mutual aid service will be assigned and the appropriate information communicated to the LPHA to ensure a connection.

Additional Information and Resources

* Referral Process for the homebound can be found at <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/seniors/>
* The J&J vaccine will be utilized for this population along with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine.
  + Should an individual be recommended a specific vaccine by their healthcare provider, every effort will be made to accommodate that request.
* A listing of each EMS administrator is attached as **Appendix B**.
* If interpreter services are needed, each RIT /LPHA has the ability to access the state contracts. These contracts can be found at <https://archive.oa.mo.gov/purch/cgi/list.cgi>.
* CDC guidance for vaccination of homebound: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/homebound-persons.html>
* State contact for homebound vaccination planning: [Marcia.Davis@health.mo.gov](mailto:Marcia.Davis@health.mo.gov)