



February 1, 2021

Governor Kim Reynolds  
Director Kelly Garcia, Iowa Department of Public Health  
Director Ann Lebo, Iowa Department of Education  
Iowa State Capitol  
1007 E. Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds, Director Garcia and Director Lebo,

It is our understanding that the Iowa Department of Public Health currently has 64,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination statewide that can be reallocated from the Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership Program to the state's priority populations.

With the February 15, 2021, deadline for 100% in-person learning option fast approaching, you have shown the public that returning students to fully in-person instruction is a state priority. In this context and on behalf of our 6,365 metro area educational employees, we **urge you to place full priority on protecting our preK-12 school students, their families and our staff by reallocating these additional doses to immediately vaccinate school staff across the state.**

This quantity of vaccine will allow for every interested school staff member in the state to receive their first vaccination dose before the required, fully in-person compliance deadline.

Since last March, school staff have been at the cornerstone of Iowa communities and our response to this global pandemic. All school staff members deserve the ability to be vaccinated before being required by law to return to circumstances in which CDC-recommended social distancing cannot possibly be implemented.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

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Cedar Rapids Community School District  
Superintendent

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