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**Department of Public
Health & Environment**

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Dear local government leaders:

Our statewide efforts to save lives and keep Colorado's communities safe during this crisis are made possible through the tireless efforts of local governments in every corner of this state. As we move through this new stage in our work to end this crisis and get vaccines into arms across this state, we have an opportunity to protect our frontline and essential workers in local government and special districts through *continuity of local government eligibility in Phase 1B.4*.

Later this month, approximately March 19th, Coloradans who are eligible for vaccination in Phase 1B.4 will be able to go to a community vaccination site, health care provider, pharmacy, or local public health agencies who have vaccines available.

Knowing that every county, municipality, and special district is different, **the Governor has asked that each county, municipality, and special district have the ability to determine how their continuity of local government vaccine allocation be utilized.**

Counties and Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) will continue to receive regular allocations of vaccines based on population. The State of Colorado asks that city and county managers and special districts work with their LPHAs to determine the most effective use and prioritization of these vaccines in their community. A county, municipality, or special district that deems a subset of their frontline workforce as eligible through *continuity of local government in phase 1B.4* should provide that subset of their frontline workforce with information indicating that they are eligible for vaccination under Phase 1B.4 and which provider types are available in their community. Vaccine eligibility is confirmed through self attestation.

The Governor understands that every community may choose a different approach when deciding how to prioritize essential county, municipal, and special district workers and staff, and he trusts that the most effective prioritization strategies will be pursued at the local level.

As city and county managers and special districts work with their LPHAs to complete their *continuity of local government* vaccinations, CDPHE stands by ready to answer questions and provide support wherever necessary and appropriate. **For more information on where to get vaccinated, please visit: covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/where-can-i-get-vaccinated**

The Governor and I greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our local government partners over this past year and we look forward to continuing our partnership as Colorado moves further down the road to recovery.

Sincerely,

Scott Bookman
COVID-19 Incident Commander