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## HHS Unveils COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Strategy

The Department of Health and Human Services today [released its strategy](#) for the public distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine. HHS said that it developed the strategy in coordination with the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It provides a strategic distribution overview along with an interim playbook for state, tribal, territorial and local public health programs and their partners on how to plan and operationalize COVID-19 vaccination response within respective jurisdictions.

The strategy also identifies the following series of tasks that the COVID-19 vaccine program will require:

- engage with state, tribal, territorial and local partners, other stakeholders, and the public to communicate public health information around the vaccine and promote vaccine confidence and uptake;
- distribute vaccines immediately upon the granting of Emergency Use Authorization/Biologics License Applications, using a transparently developed, phased allocation methodology and based on CDC's vaccine recommendations;
- ensure vaccines' safe administration and the availability of administration supplies; and
- monitor necessary data from the vaccination program through an information technology system capable of supporting and tracking distribution, administration and other necessary data.

### HHS RESOURCES

HHS is providing the following resources with additional details of this plan:

- [Strategy for Distributing a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook](#)

The AHA is reviewing the distribution strategy and soon will share with members an Advisory containing more information. In addition, AHA later this week will launch a new vaccine webpage and resources for members, including a COVID-19 vaccine primer and tracker to keep you updated on this issue.

### FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have questions, please contact AHA at 800-424-4301.