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TO: Points of Dispensing participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program

FROM: Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A. Commissioner 

SUBJECT: Revised Eligibility Expectations for 'Open' COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing

This memo serves to provide updated guidance about vaccine recipient eligibility in the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccination effort.

At this time, all persons who are in New Jersey are eligible to be vaccinated.

This extends to those who live, work, or are educated in New Jersey as well as others temporarily traveling through or visiting in the state. Under current emergency use authorizations, persons ages 12 and older may receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and persons 18 and older may receive any of the currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or J&J/Janssen). This is consistent with the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force Position on Citizenship and Residency (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/citizenship-residency-position.html>).

This is an update to expectations established in the guidance issued January 22, 2021: Expectations for 'Open' COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing (https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/COVID-19_Vaccination_Expectations_ofOpenPoints_ofDispensing.pdf).

Points of dispensing must not ask for any supplemental documentation to prove eligibility.

Thank you for your partnership in this initiative. Please share this information with all the appropriate staff in your vaccination program. Points of dispensing may contact the New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Operations Center at Vax.Operations@doh.nj.gov with any further questions.