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Vaccination Update

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued a press release on Thursday, March 4 stating that effective Monday, March 8, 2021 vaccine providers can now vaccinate people 64 years of age and younger with medical conditions that are or may be at an increased risk of severe illness for COVID 19. Local health departments were not aware IDPH was going to add the 64 and younger population until the press release was issued. We have yet to receive guidance from IDPH on how we will accomplish this.

Winneshiek County is receiving 300 doses of vaccine per week that are shared with our partners, Winneshiek Medical Center and Gundersen Health System. We are still vaccinating people over 65 and those that fall in the various Tier groups. **At this time and until further notice, our priority will remain to vaccinate people over 65 and those in the Tiers. Winneshiek County is not advancing to Phase 1c on Monday, March 8.** We hope the amount of vaccine coming into Winneshiek County will increase soon and we will be able to expand our priorities. Thank you for your continued patience as we work to get people vaccinated as quickly as possible.

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