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RE: Provision of Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Emergency

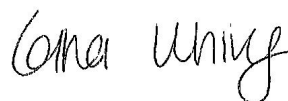
Local health departments (LHDs) in Nebraska are committed to facilitating universal access to public health services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, rural and urban LHDs have ensured that the COVID-19 vaccines are available to Nebraskans who have a condition of body or mind that prevents them from getting to—or otherwise being able to access—a vaccination site near them. LHDs will continue to provide and/or facilitate reasonable accommodations until the public health emergency ends. Examples of how different LHDs have made the COVID-19 vaccine accessible include:

- Partnering with transportation providers to offer rides to accessible clinic sites.
- Proactively phoning identified disabled individuals to provide information and verify their access to the vaccine.
- Providing escorts at mass vaccination sites, for people with limited vision.
- Providing in-home vaccinations to homebound people – in some cases at the request of individuals or their families; in other cases, working with social service agencies, healthcare providers (including Visiting Nurses), and/or rural Emergency Managers to identify homebound individuals.
- Providing interpretation, including American Sign Language, at vaccination events.
- Providing vaccination information in multiple languages (written, over radio and video media)
- Promoting and providing vaccinations in locations where individuals with disabilities congregate and/or live including group residential facilities.
- Providing wheelchairs, wheelchair accessibility, parking assistance, drive up services and other accommodations for people with limited mobility.
- Reaching out to groups that serve and/or advocate for disabled individuals to enlist their support in publicizing vaccination opportunities and connecting people who need more help to their local health department.
- Working with pharmacies to provide vaccine to Developmental Disability Organizations (DDOs).

These examples are not an exhaustive list, but underscore LHD's commitment to making the vaccine accessible to **anyone** who wants it. Nebraskans who need accommodations to get vaccinated can contact their local health department directly at the number on the next page. For help determining which local health department to call visit [this link](#) at www.nalhd.org or call the state's COVID Information Line at (531) 249-1873 or (833) 998-2275. Relay calls for deaf and hard of hearing and Language Line access is available at those numbers.



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LHD numbers for accommodations access:

- **Central District:** 303-385-5175
(Kamrie Peterson)
- **Dakota County:** 402-987-2164
- **Douglas County:** 402-444-3400
- **East Central:** 402-563-9656
(Libby Finochiaro or Dana Spindola)
- **Elkhorn Logan Valley:** 402-529-2233
- **Four Corners:** 402-362-2621
(Tom Barnett or Laura McDougall)
- **Lincoln Lancaster County:** 402-441-8065
- **Loup Basin:** 308-346-5795 ext. 106
(Catie Larsen)
- **North Central:** 402-336-2406
- **Northeast:** 402-375-2200
- **Panhandle:** 308-633-2866 ext. 101
(Kim Engel)
- **Public Health Solutions:** 402-826-3880
(Kate Lange or Jackie Trojan)
- **Sarpy/Cass:** 402-537-6975
(Marianne Toledo)
- **South Heartland:** 402-462-6211
(Janis Johnson)
- **Southeast:** 402-274-3993
- **Southwest:** 308-345-4223
- **Three Rivers:** 402-909-2178
(Caleb Kuddes)
- **Two Rivers:** 888-669-7154
- **West Central:** 308-221-6623

