

The full proclamation can be found online [here](#).

RESOURCES

Video: [How CDC is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)

COVID-19 vaccines will be an important tool to help stop this pandemic. CDC's Dr. Cohn explains how the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an independent group of experts, develops recommendations and advises CDC on the use of vaccines in our country and the process for making recommendations on COVID-19 vaccines.

UPDATED RESOURCES ON CDC WEBSITE

[The Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel](#) (Updated Dec. 15, 2020)

Healthcare personnel include all paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. This recommendation pertains to paid and unpaid healthcare personnel working in a variety of healthcare settings—for example, acute care facilities, long-term acute care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, home health care, mobile clinics, and outpatient facilities, such as dialysis centers and physicians' offices.

MENTAL HEALTH/SELF CARE

COVID Recovery Iowa Offers Virtual Santa Visits

One of the ways people are coping with the pandemic is keeping their routines as close to normal as possible. [COVID Recovery Iowa's free, virtual Santa visits](#) provide parents with a safe tool to continue the beloved tradition of visiting with Santa.

Iowans can sign their children up for 15-minute sessions with Santa using the Book Now or Book button on the [COVID Recovery Iowa Facebook page](#). Once your appointment is confirmed, you will receive a Zoom link for your Santa visit.

When booking, please provide the name(s) and age(s) of your child/children in the appointment request to help Santa make his visit special. COVID Recovery Iowa can also point parents to organizations that can help if they are in need of assistance with gifts.

There are still times available! Santa will be available for conversation through Dec. 22.