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Dear CSHCS Colleagues,

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced yesterday a major expansion in eligibility for Michigan residents to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Starting March 8, those 50 and older "with medical conditions or disabilities and caregiver family members and guardians who care for children with special health care needs," can receive the vaccine, a statement from the Department of Health and Human Services said. According to the Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Prioritization Guidance, updated March 3, 2021, children with special health care needs includes any physical, developmental, mental, sensory, behavioral, cognitive, or emotional impairment or limiting condition that requires medical management, health care intervention and/or use of specialized services or programs. The condition may be congenital, developmental, or acquired through disease, trauma, or environmental cause and may impose limitations in performing daily self-maintenance activities or substantial limitations in a major life activity. This would include parent(s)/caregiver(s) who qualify for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) through Medicaid in their homes, as well as parent(s)/caregiver(s) of children with diagnoses including but not limited to primary pulmonary, nephrology, hematology, neurology, oncology, complex heart or breathing conditions, or because they are immune-compromised genetically or from medications used to treat their conditions.

Starting March 22, all residents 50 and older will be eligible. Please do not forget to revise your online vaccine registration form and/or protocols, Facebook page, and Twitter accounts to reflect these changes.