



12/14/2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor
238 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Governor Wolf,

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, to request prioritization of the state's critical infrastructure workers as it relates to the state's vaccine delivery plan. As your administration is aware, the federal Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency has developed a list of essential critical workers that serves as guidance to states for using during the development and implementation of emergency response measures. We have advocated during the pandemic that this critical workforce list should have served as the basis for the state's COVID-19 shutdown and reopening plans, and we believe it should be the basis for the state's decision-making process in determining which industry's workers are vaccinated first.

It is our understanding the DHS CISA will shortly be releasing an updated version of the essential workforce list, and we request that the administration position delivery of vaccines to workers on this list to Phase 1B of the vaccine prioritization sequence, immediately behind healthcare workers, first responders and elderly Pennsylvanians living in congregate settings. Such a sequence would also reflect guidance being developed and issued by the Centers for Disease Control this month and would go a long way to position Pennsylvania's economy for a strong rebound from this pandemic.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health released a COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan on December 11th that includes reference to "critical workers" and "essential workers" as defined by DHS CISA guidelines and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. We encourage your administration to maintain the approach of prioritizing critical workers in Phase 1B, as well as to fully adopt the DHS CISA list of critical infrastructure workers upon its impending revision being finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gene Barr