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Dr. Jose R. Romero
Chairman
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H24-8
Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization, Distribution and Administration; Docket No. CDC-2020-0124**

Chairman Romero,

Amazon thanks the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for its ongoing work to provide guidance to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the jurisdictions across the United States regarding the development, distribution, and use of COVID-19 vaccines.

As the nation's second largest employer, Amazon employs 800,000 employees in the United States. We are proud of the role that our essential employees have played this year to help our customers stay safe and receive important products at their home. In many ways, our essential workers have served as heroes in their communities during this pandemic as they have helped people get the products they need without having to leave their homes, which, for people with underlying conditions or who are more susceptible to complications from COVID-19, is critical. We request that ACIP continue to prioritize these essential workers who cannot work from home, like those working at Amazon fulfillment centers, AWS data centers, and Whole Foods Market stores, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the earliest appropriate time.

Amazon appreciates the difficult decisions faced by ACIP, and we strongly support your recommendation to prioritize vaccines for healthcare personnel. As you consider additional populations for prioritization, Amazon encourages ACIP to continue to align its recommendations with those found in the CDC's *October 29 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook*. In particular, Amazon supports the CDC Playbook's recommendation that jurisdictions include critical infrastructure and essential workers, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security (CISA) in Phase 1b of their vaccine distribution plans. With ACIP's guidance on how to prioritize vaccine administration, jurisdictions can consistently operationalize this guidance while having the flexibility to alter their plans based on unique local considerations.

Amazon thanks you for your leadership. We stand ready to assist you and any jurisdiction as we work together to protect our employees and continue to provide essential services during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dave Clark

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