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**TO:** Group Adult Foster Care Providers Participating in MassHealth

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**RE:** **Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Group Adult Foster Care Providers**

### **Introduction**

MassHealth is issuing this bulletin to update the COVID-19 vaccine guidance for Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC) providers. This bulletin supersedes all previous MassHealth GAFC communications related to COVID-19 vaccine requirements.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance**

As of September 12, 2023, MassHealth rescinds the requirements of previous GAFC communications regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination remains the safest strategy for avoiding hospitalizations, long-term health outcomes, and death. MassHealth strongly encourages agencies to have their direct care aides remain up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, per the most current applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation.

MassHealth GAFC providers must develop and implement a policy to provide education to their direct care aides regarding the importance of vaccination, as well as provide resources and assistance to support direct care aides in becoming vaccinated. The CDC serves as a valuable resource to support education on the importance of vaccination and is a recommended source of information.

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