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Memorandum

TO: Assisted Living Residences Executive Directors

FROM: Secretary Elizabeth Chen

SUBJECT: Vaccination Options for Assisted Living Residents and Staff following the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program

DATE: March 17, 2021

COVID-19 vaccination in Assisted Living Residences (ALR) began on January 11, 2020, under the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program (FPPP). Thanks to the tireless work of the assisted living community, 98% of the residents and 79% of staff have already been vaccinated --- and even more individuals will be vaccinated when the remaining clinics are completed in the coming weeks.

The purpose of this letter is to offer the below recommendations for obtaining COVID-19 vaccines for residents and staff after the conclusion of the FPPP on-site program. We acknowledge that it may take several attempts to secure an appointment while the nation, and as a result the Commonwealth, operates under severe vaccine supply constraints. We ask for your patience and perseverance until vaccine supply catches up with demand.

1. There are over 170 [COVID-19 vaccination locations](#) that are open to the public. New appointments are made available every Thursday for the Mass vaccination sites (shown in red on the map), and throughout the week at other locations.

Eligible people who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a **mass vaccination location**: Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium, Reggie Lewis Center, DoubleTree Hotel-Danvers, Eastfield Mall-Springfield, Natick Mall, former Circuit City-Dartmouth. For more information visit <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

2. Contingent on supply, some health care systems and Community Health Centers are providing vaccinations to their own patient panel; residents and staff may be contacted by their primary care provider if they have vaccine available and are able to administer.
3. Regional and community specific opportunities may also be available, particularly for those ALRs or staff residing in one of the 20 cities and towns with the greatest COVID-19 case burden, and disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. These communities are included in the Commonwealth's **COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative** more details of which can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative>

These communities are Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield and Worcester.

Contact the community's Local Board of Health to learn about locally based efforts.

4. In the coming weeks, the Commonwealth will make available in-home vaccination for individuals who are not able to leave the home for a medical appointment. More detailed Information and guidance regarding this program is forthcoming.

We ask that the assisted living residence provide the necessary transportation services to those individuals in need of a vaccination appointment.

Please visit the Department of Public Health's website that provides up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine efforts in Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus> and <https://www.mass.gov/vaccine>