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Jan. 8, 2020

To: ODDS Stakeholders (Case Management Entities: please share widely, including with providers. Providers are notified based on emails entered into eXPRS)

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Update on Phase 1A COVID Vaccine

In late December, I sent a [message](#) with some initial information about the COVID-19 vaccine and what the arrival of the vaccine means to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families and support staff. The situation regarding the vaccines is changing quickly and this message is to inform you of the information that we currently have.

On Jan. 5, 2021, [Oregon Health Authority notified Local Public Health Authorities](#) (LPHAs) that vaccines can be offered to anyone in any of the Phase 1a, Groups 1 – 4. This includes all people with I/DD in ODDS services, family members or members of the person with I/DD's household, provider agency staff, personal support workers and other workers who provide direct service to people with I/DD and other high-risk populations. ODDS has created a [fact sheet](#) with Phase 1a group information. There is also a [separate fact sheet](#) about supporting people with I/DD to make a decision about vaccination.

In terms of access for different people in services, adult group homes and I/DD adult foster homes were registered in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>

Adult group home and I/DD foster homes have already been, or will be, contacted by a representative of Walgreens, CVS or Consonus to

coordinate on vaccination clinic planning. Local Public Health Authorities may also offer vaccines to staff and people served in these settings.

For those who receive in-home services, as well as day support activity, employment services and providers of those services, contact your local CDDP (Services Coordinator) or Brokerage (Personal Agent) about coordinating with the local LPHA.

The situation continues to change quickly, and we will do our best to inform everyone as we get more information.

OHA's general COVID-19 vaccine web page (subscribe for updates) is: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/> and the provider-specific vaccine web page is:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/IMMUNIZATIONPROVIDERRESOURCES/Pages/COVIDvaccine.aspx>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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