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To: People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families/guardians (**Case Management Entities: Please share this message with individuals in services who receive supports from a personal support worker**)

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

Subject: Vaccinations and your personal support workers

This message is for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and family members or guardians who employ personal support workers (PSWs).

If you have PSWs supporting you at home, you can:

- Choose your providers
- Share your preferences with your providers
- Ask if your providers are vaccinated
- Ask for proof that your providers are vaccinated

It is okay to ask your provider if they are vaccinated, but your provider could choose not to answer.

Talking about vaccination status can be hard. Ask for support from a trusted friend, family member, or your case manager. If recruiting a new provider, it's important to share your preferences and any qualifications, including around vaccinations.

If you have any questions, reach out to your Services Coordinator or Personal Agent (case manager) and they can support you. You can also check out [resources from BOLI](#), including tips for employers.

Sincerely,



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