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**Office of Adult, Aging &
Disability Services**

Division for Regional Center Operations

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Dear Families & Guardians,

By now you have probably learned that COVID-19 vaccines have been approved and ready for distribution. We have long awaited this exciting news, and our health care staff and residents will be among the first to receive these vaccines. Information about distribution and timing has been updating hour by hour, so we wanted to provide this update to you now that we have more information and a relative timeline. At this time, the Regional Centers will be receiving the Moderna version of the vaccine. We anticipate that it will arrive early next week.

The COVID-19 vaccine requires two separate doses given a few weeks apart, depending on the vaccine version. For Moderna, it is 28 days. I am sure that you have lots of questions. We have put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which we hope will help answer some of those questions. I have attached the FAQ's with this letter. In addition, we will be holding a Town Hall style meeting on Saturday, 12/19/20 at 11am. We will send a Google Meeting link to you so you may join. It will also have call in information if you prefer to just use your phone. Dr. Renee Marquardt, Chief Medical Officer for CDHS, will be presenting and answering questions at that time. I invite you to join this forum as our staff have found it to be helpful in answering their own questions about getting vaccinated.

We, along with thousands of other long term care facilities, are participating in a program with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help us most efficiently distribute these vaccines to our residents free of charge. We have been reaching out and making calls today to provide you with the information that we have, and are taking the questions we cannot answer back to our team. We will continue to keep you informed of the process as we move forward. Our staff will also have the opportunity to get vaccinated through this program. Vaccination is not required and we do hope many individuals will choose to participate.

I encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, its possible side effects, and what to expect after you or a loved one receives it. As we have been saying over the course of this difficult year, we are all in this together. Please know that the safety and wellbeing of our staff and residents have been and remain our top priority. We are confident that the worldwide, unprecedented scientific achievement of these COVID-19 vaccines will eventually enable us to enjoy life with our loved ones again. We look forward to doing our part in this effort by getting the COVID-19 vaccine, and hope you will join us.

Respectfully,

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