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TO: Individual Providers

FROM: Bill Moss, Assistant Secretary

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

SUBJECT: Receiving your COVID-19 vaccine

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has included long-term care workers, including home care workers, during Phase 1A of the COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan. This means that you are eligible to be a part of the first phase of vaccines that will be administered in Washington.

Workers will need to provide **one** of the following verification documents to a vaccine administrator:

1) Survey results from the PhaseFinder website: www.findyourphasewa.org

The DOH has developed a PhaseFinder website to help individuals identify which phase of Washington's vaccine distribution they are eligible for. Workers can fill out the 8 questions within PhaseFinder and then screenshot or print out their results to use as verification.

Please note that DOH considers any place where a home care worker is providing care a health care setting and is referring to those who provide care support as home health *worker* in order to best ensure all home care workers have access to the vaccine.

2) Verification letter from the Department of Social and Health Services or Home Care Agency

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is providing you with a verification letter included with this correspondence. If you lose your verification letter and do not work for a Home Care Agency you may access an additional copy of this letter by visiting www.seiu775.org.

If you work for a Home Care Agency and need a replacement verification letter you will need to contact your Home Care Agency or use the PhaseFinder website for a replacement.

Vaccine Provider Locations

No matter what method of verification you choose you will need to visit https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/VaccineLocations to see what locations within your county are administrating the vaccine. The website will provide a list of locations and you will need to contact a location to setup an appointment.

Please check with your vaccine provider to confirm what documentation you will need to bring with you to your appointment.

More About the Vaccine

The number of vaccine dosages in Washington is limited at this time, but will continue to grow over the next weeks and months. You may need to make multiple contacts to local points of distribution in order to access the vaccine. While all home care workers should strongly consider getting the vaccine, those who work in the home of more than one client or that assist clients with aerosol generating procedures are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

We appreciate your dedication to providing support and services and are doing everything we can to ensure you and those you help are kept as safe as possible. To learn more about the vaccine please visit www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine.

Translated Copies of This Letter are Available Online

English

Please visit https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/information-providers-and-long-term-care-professionals for more information, including materials in other languages.

Russian

Пожалуйста посетите https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/information-providers-and-long-term-care-professionals для получения дополнительной информации, включая материалы на других языках.

Vietnamese

Xin vui lòng truy cập https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/information-providers-and-long-term-care-professionals để biết thêm thông tin, bao gồm các tài liệu của những ngôn ngữ khác.

Tagalog

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Spanish

Por favor visite https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/information-providers-and-long-term-care-professionals para mas información, incluyendo materiales en otros idiomas

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Sincerely,

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