

January 8, 2020

Dear Families,

As we enter the new year and a new phase of the pandemic, we recognize that COVID-19 vaccines are on everyone's mind. At Advocates, the health and safety of your loved ones in our care remains a priority as we work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to disseminate COVID-19 vaccines for people we support and our employees.

**Please read our latest updates for your family:**

- In January and February, vaccines will be available for your loved one living in a residential group home (congregate care setting) and their staff at Advocates. Through pharmacy partnerships with Walgreens and CVS, your loved one will be able to receive the vaccine in the comfort of their home.
- If you are the **legal guardian** of your loved one and would like for them to receive the vaccine, you will need to **fill out the attached consent form (section A1 and A2 only)** and return to their staff immediately. Any questions regarding the consent form can be directed to the staff at the program.
- During our next Open Forum on Tuesday, January 12, Dr. Mark Viron, Advocates Chief Medical Officer, will give an overview of information on the COVID-19 vaccines. Additional leadership staff will be available to answer any questions and concerns you may have regarding your loved one.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Open Forum for Families**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**  
**5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

*Held by Diane Gould, Advocates President and CEO, and  
Dr. Mark Viron, Advocates Chief Medical Officer*

Family members and guardians of individuals living in a group home at Advocates are welcome to join us for a virtual Open Forum to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and share questions or concerns you may have regarding your loved one.

- Join by computer or smart phone: <http://bit.ly/VaccineForum11221> or visit [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us).
- Join by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (Find your local number: <http://bit.ly/3q1mv85>)
- **Meeting ID:** 942 5734 2123, **Password:** 527576

*You do not need to have a Zoom account to join. For accommodation requests or to request a copy of the presentation, please email [Communications@Advocates.org](mailto:Communications@Advocates.org).*



As always, we will keep you updated as we learn more information about the COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you for all that you do.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Diane Gould'.

Diane Gould  
President and CEO

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