



Dear Families,

You may have heard by now that COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available. Recently, Governor Baker announced the estimated timeframe for [Massachusetts' COVID-19 vaccine plan](#). Although some of the people we support and their staff fall under phase 1 of this plan, we do not have an update for when your loved one and their staff will be able to receive the vaccine yet.

We will be closely following the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to establish protocols specific to the dissemination of the COVID-19 vaccines. We expect to receive final DPH and CDC guidance by early January. We will notify you as we learn more about when the vaccine will be available for your loved one.

What is important to remember is that we are all in this together, and throughout the next several months—with or without a vaccine—we all need to remain vigilant with physical distancing, hand-washing hygiene, and mask wearing. Everyone at Advocates will be able to receive a vaccine as the doses come in during the weeks and months ahead.

As always, we wish for the health and safety of you, your loved ones, and all in the Advocates community. We will be in touch as more information becomes available to us.

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Thank you for all that you do.

Be well,

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