



Dear Families,

You may have heard by now that COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available. Recently, Governor Baker announced the estimated timeframe for [Massachusetts' vaccine plan](#). We are happy to share that your loved one living in a congregate care setting at Advocates will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1 of this plan.

In January, vaccines will be made available for individuals and their staff members in our congregate care settings through a pharmacy partnership with Walgreens. We will be in touch with more details soon.

In the meantime, 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 this 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.

We recognize that you may have general questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and invite you to join us on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021** for an **Open Forum** with me and Mark Viron, Advocates Chief Medical Officer. See details below.

## Open Forum for Families: COVID-19 Vaccine January 6, 2021 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Family members and guardians of individuals living in an Advocates' home are welcome to join us for an Open Forum regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Diane Gould and Mark Viron will provide the most up to date information and answer questions or concerns.

### Join on Zoom:

- You do not need to have a Zoom account to join.
- By computer or smart phone: <http://bit.ly/ADVOpenForumVaccines>
- By phone: Call +1 646 558 8656 or find your local number:  
<http://bit.ly/2M369xc>
- Meeting ID: 918 2712 0158
- Password: 723348

*For accommodation requests, please reach out to  
[Communications@Advocates.org](mailto:Communications@Advocates.org) by Wednesday, December 30, 2020.*

As always, we will keep you updated as we learn more information about the COVID-19 vaccine. In the coming weeks and months, we wish for the health and safety of you, your loved ones, and all in the Advocates community.

Thank you for all that you do.

Stay well,

Diane Gould  
President and CEO

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