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From: Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS), ODHS

Re: Follow up from the February 1, 2021 presentation on COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Long-Term Care Settings

**Request:** Why were ODDS Adult Foster Homes not approved as a part of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership?

**Response:** ODDS sent the names and information for all Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) adult group homes and I/DD foster homes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be enrolled in the federal Pharmacy Partnership Program. To date, 347 I/DD adult group homes were accepted into the program. No I/DD Adult Foster Homes were accepted. ODHS cannot speak for the CDC as to why these sites were not enrolled.

To ensure all individuals with I/DD in group homes and foster homes, along with their support staff, have the opportunity to receive the vaccine, ODDS and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) have taken multiple steps for those not accepted into the federal program.

- One, case management entities (Community Developmental Disabilities Programs and Brokerages) that provide direct service planning to people with I/DD have reached out to all people on their caseloads, along with their caregivers, and given them options and resources for attending vaccinations clinics held by Local Public Health Authorities.
- Two, through the statewide Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) program coordinated by OHA, CCOs have been connected with every Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) and Brokerage in Oregon to arrange vaccines for the I/DD population. If people with I/DD in congregate care settings cannot leave their homes to attend a clinic, CCOs have been directed to work with the case manager to set up vaccinations for people in their homes.

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