



We were thrilled to watch the first doses of COVID-19 vaccines depart warehouses this past weekend, on their way to clinics set up for Frontline Healthcare Workers and residents of Long-Term Care Facilities. We are truly inspired by the scientists and doctors who managed to develop a usable vaccine in such a short amount of time.

Over the last few weeks, many Providers have been contacted by COVID-19 Immunization Administrators in the region to begin coordinating the rollout of Vaccination Clinics to the individuals we serve. While ALCO has not yet been asked to participate in the earliest phases of administration, we are hopeful that we will have a role to play as additional vaccines receive Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA. In the meantime, if your organization is contacted by a COVID-19 Immunization Administrator, we urge you to work directly with that administrator to speed up the vaccination of your individuals.

To that end, we want to declare our support for the joint position statement developed by the AADMD and recently shared with us by several of our Providers over the last few days. We agree that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who provide direct care for them, should absolutely be included in the earliest phase (Phase 1) of the vaccine rollout. We are proud to stand with any Provider who is advocating on their behalf. That statement is attached to this message.

Finally, we wanted to share a very useful link to the CDC's site with some Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine and the process for its rollout. We found it very helpful in understanding all of the moving parts of the process and what to expect over the coming weeks.

Most of all, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to connecting with you in the new year.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Denrich", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Denrich

Vice President & COO