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Dear Provider:

For purposes of COVID-19 vaccination program planning, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health defines a Healthcare Worker (HCW) as a person who delivers care or services to patients, as prevention, diagnosis, or treatment, either directly as doctors and nurses or indirectly as aides, helpers, or laboratory technicians, among others. These positions have direct contact with patients, clinical specimens, or interact in the environment of patients. Most staff at DBHIDS provider facilities in Philadelphia can be considered as healthcare workers, including Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol, and IDS providers and, therefore, eligible for COVID-19 vaccination under phase 1A of vaccine distribution.

If you are a Philadelphia resident, you may schedule an appointment or pre-register with one of the following COVID-19 vaccine providers to be immunized.

- Request an appointment with the Health Department's vaccination clinic at 500 S. Broad Street by calling 267-713-2281 (8:30am-5:00pm, Mon-Fri) or emailing your request to <u>COVIDVax@phila.gov</u>.
- Pre-register with the Health Department to be notified of new vaccination clinics and opportunities at https://www.phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/vaccines/healthcare-workers/.
- Pre-register for notification of mass vaccination clinics and opportunities through a private organization, such Black Doctors Consortium
 (https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/) or Philly Fighting COVID
 (https://phillyfightingcovid.com/vaccine).

If you are a non-Philadelphia resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has required all hospitals, FQHCs, and pharmacies outside of Philadelphia to make 10% of their vaccine available to unaffiliated HCW in Phase 1A. Local county or municipal health departments may also be offering vaccination clinics to healthcare personnel not affiliated with a hospital or health system. Check with these providers to determine opportunities in your area.

Vaccine is provided free by all providers and you may not be charged a co-pay or deductible if your insurance is being billed. This letter of invitation is not transferrable and must not be shared with persons not eligible for vaccination under Phase1A.