

February 1, 2021

Dear Charles River Center community,

With a renewed sense of optimism, I am thrilled to inform you that last week we began our rollout of our vaccination initiative. We vaccinated 295 residents living in our group homes and Phase 1 employees.

I had the pleasure to witness first-hand the amazing dedication of the staff and bravery of persons served at our vaccination clinic. Because of the extensive planning and attention to detail of our program staff, our vaccination program was efficient, safe, and well executed. Our pharmacy partners at [Pelmeds](#) were professional and flexible in meeting the needs of our community.

Many employees at the Charles River Center are helping to keep our community safe by receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.



In addition, we continue to build awareness of how the vaccine works, and its benefits with resources that are available on our website. [COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION page](#) It is important to remember that to ensure the safety of everyone, with or without the vaccine, we all must continue to practice the protocols and measures put in place by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) including hand hygiene, wearing masks, safe distancing, and avoiding groups outside of your household.

As you know, the Massachusetts Vaccination Program continues to evolve. In February, we are permitted to vaccinate our family support, in-home support, and adult foster care staff, therefore we are planning another employee vaccination clinic in the next two weeks.

Please continually monitor the state vaccination rollout at www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine This is where you can keep apprised of the changes in the program.

Be well,

Anne-Marie Bajwa
President and CEO