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To the Charles River Community:

I would like to bring to your attention Governor Baker's announcement yesterday to make more Massachusetts residents eligible for vaccination. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-phases>

By April 19<sup>th</sup>, all Massachusetts residents are eligible for vaccination. This is extremely encouraging news as we begin to re-open the state. Unfortunately, the Charles River Center is no longer able to access vaccines to conduct our own vaccination events because the vaccines are being diverted to state vaccination sites and national pharmacies.

We are anxiously awaiting revised guidance from the CDC and EOHHS relative to day program capacity increases and exposure control measures. Until such time, day programs remain limited to 50% capacity, state contracted transportation remains limited, quarantine guidelines remain the same, and all our infectious disease control measures remain the same such as requiring masks, social distancing, hand hygiene, and continuing regular disinfecting practices.

We have much to look forward to as the number of positive cases within Massachusetts continue to decline; Charles River residents are fully vaccinated; more people are returning to the day programs; and the state rolls out vaccination eligibility to more groups of Massachusetts residents.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we continue to move forward.

Be Well,

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President and CEO