

NCDHHS Winter COVID Preparation Memorandum

To Adult Care Home and Family Care Home Providers,

On November 2nd, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) released a memorandum (<u>click Here</u>) which outlines recommendations regarding COVID vaccinations and boosters. The memo states:

"COVID-19 activity is expected to increase over the coming weeks and months as we head into winter and as more transmissible subvariants continue to emerge. Ensuring that all long-term care residents have access to vaccination and to treatment if needed is critical to prevent illnesses and deaths. NC DHHS urges all long-term care facilities and provider to protect your residents and staff by taking the actions outlined in this memo."

The memo goes on to cover the topics of:

- Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters
- Antiviral treatment; and
- Prevention

There are also links to finding a vaccine provider and how to ask for technical assistance using the state's Regional Infection Prevention Support (RIPS) Teams.

If there are questions regarding any of the above issues, please do not hesitate to contact me and as always, thank you for everything you do as you take care of our seniors and other vulnerable residents every day!

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