

CIDA Members and Friends,

**On Saturday February 9, OPWDD Commissioner Kastner announced the following updates on COVID-19 vaccination plan for people with IDD and their care givers. CIDA will continuously update the NYS vaccine status and vaccination information.**

- New York State vaccination rollout now includes all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities: people living in OPWDD certified residential settings, as well as staff providing support to people in all settings, were previously prioritized for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On February 5, 2021, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in non-certified settings will be added to the 1b prioritization category and will be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines as of February 15, 2021.
- Access to the vaccine has been a challenge across the country and we will continue to work diligently to ensure that all people supported by OPWDD have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Information about NY's vaccination rollout, including eligibility and prioritization can be found here: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>. Additional guidance related to the announcement about newly eligible populations will also be posted in the coming days.

CIDA 的成员和朋友们,

在 2 月 6 日周六的时候, OPWDD 的负责人 Dr. Kastner 宣布了针对智障和发育障碍者及其护理人员 COVID-19 疫苗接种计划的以下更新信息。CIDA 将不断更新纽约州疫苗状态和疫苗接种信息。

- 现在, 纽约州的疫苗接种工作包括所有智障和发育障碍者: 居住在 OPWDD 认证居住环境的人们以及之前优先考虑使用 COVID-19 疫苗为这些环境中的人们提供支持的工作人员。
- 2021 年 2 月 5 日, 州长 Andrew M. Cuomo 宣布, 居住在非认证环境中的智障和发育障碍者将被添加到 1b 优先类别中, 并且有资格在 2021 年 2 月 15 日之前接受 COVID-19 疫苗。
- 在全国范围内获得疫苗一直是一个挑战, 我们将继续努力工作, 以确保所有属于 OPWDD 范畴的人员都有接种疫苗的机会。有关纽约州疫苗接种工作的信息, 包括资格和优先级, 可在以下网站查询: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>。与公告有关新的符合资格的人员的其他指南也将在未来几天内发布。