



To: Clients/Parents/Guardians

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ASPIRO has more exciting news to share with you! Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced that individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs such as IRIS or Family Care are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in group 1b, which is estimated to begin around March 1, 2021. This date is subject to change based on vaccine availability.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine phases and eligibility please go to this website: [Wisconsin Department of Health Services: Priority Group 1b](#) . Again, ASPIRO will not be administering the vaccines. You will need to go to an approved vaccination site.

As more people are getting vaccinated, we are starting to see a light at the end of tunnel, however, we all still need to continue making the effort to keep each other safe.

A few reminders for those attending programming:

- DO NOT attend programming if you have any symptoms. (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, unusual fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea)
 - If you are exhibiting any of the above symptoms you will be asked to stay home for 10 days or get a COVID test.
- DO NOT attend programming if you have been told you are a close contact to a positive case and should be in quarantine.
- DO NOT attend programming if anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID or is getting a COVID test due to symptoms. Remain home until the result of the test is known.

We expect staff, clients, residential providers and families to follow these guidelines in order to continue providing services and help keep the people we serve safe.

Thank you.



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