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Licensed and Certified Facilities

Aloha,

CTA is distributing this information which is approved by the Office of Health Care Assurance. It is being distributed to all ADCCs, CMAs and CCFHs.

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SURVEY

The Hawaii National Guard is offering their medical team resources to the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct infection control (IC) educational sessions to small residential care homes (ARCHs and CCFHs) through an internet connection. Click on the link below to participate in a survey to determine your ability to access education sessions through the internet and the identify the priority of IC sessions.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by Friday, January 8, 2021. DOH and the Hawaii National Guard will then review the survey responses and let you all know what sessions will be provided and when.

Click on link to complete Survey:

<https://forms.gle/hUqjKci6MARokJzS8>

Meanwhile, we wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year.

VACCINE UPDATE

Update December 31, 2020 for Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH), Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary homes (DDDh), Developmental Disabilities Adult Foster homes (DDAF) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver clients.

See new information below on vaccination and clinic planning

1. COVID-19 vaccinations for health care workers and residents of the above care homes will be administered through a variety of methods that will begin within the next few weeks and will include dedicated drive-thru clinics with online pre-registration. For example, the locations of drive-thru clinics are being finalized and will be announced shortly. The first clinic is tentatively planned for the end of January 2021, but the location has not yet been determined. These clinics are part of the larger state plans. All licensees are asked to remain as flexible as possible to accommodate possible changes based on availability of vaccines or distribution anomalies.
2. Online registrations will be conducted through an on-line portal. The web address and pre-registration access will be provided soon.

3. The State is reviewing consent forms to be distributed in advance of the clinic date to allow people time to get signatures from residents or legally designated guardians/POA. Please inform your residents and their POA/guardians to be prepared to fill out/sign the COVID-19 vaccine consent form. We will be giving you as much advanced notice as possible once the clinic locations and dates are confirmed. We are considering going into homes to administer the vaccine for residents with mobility difficulties. The pre-screening form /consent form individualized per vaccine (Moderna/Pfizer) is still being planned for electronic distribution

5. The initial vaccine allocation for Hawaii is limited in supply. The first shipments of Moderna vaccine arrived in the state last week. Additional doses are on the way and we anticipate the allotment to increase dramatically in coming weeks.

6. If we obtain adequate supplies, we also plan on offering the vaccine to care givers of the populations above. For those care givers interested, we will also need consent and preregistration.

7. We will continue to update you weekly and appreciate your patience and flexibility during this planning and distribution phase.

Information by Island

- Facilities on Kauai – ARCH/CCFFH/DDDh/DDAF/DD waiver clients will be vaccinated through the Department of Health (DOH) district health offices (DHO). Starting in the first week of January, home visits will be scheduled to vaccinate residents/clients and possibly care givers. DHO will be contacting homes via telephone.

- Facilities on Hawaii Island – Drive-thru vaccination clinics and home visits partnering between DHO and KTA. Hilo is being scheduled for the week of Jan 15, 2021. More details will be forthcoming on location and times. Kona schedules will be forwarded shortly.

- Facilities on Oahu – Times/5 minute pharmacy/Pharmacare/Foodland/Queens pharmacies have volunteered to perform in-home visits to 99% of CCFFH on Oahu. Drive-thru clinics are being organized for all ARCHs including the E-ARCHs and DDDh who are able to transport residents to these sites. In-home vaccinations can be arranged for ARCH and DDDh with frailer residents who are unable to tolerate the drive in/drive-thru clinics. Dates and times are still pending for the in-home visitations and drive-thru clinics.

- Lanai DDD clients – Lanai community health center has volunteered to administer vaccines to the DD population on Lanai. Dates and times are still pending.

- Facilities on Molokai – Molokai General Hospital has volunteered to administer vaccines to the facilities and DD clients on Molokai. Dates and times are still pending.

***Please stay tuned weekly for more updates and instructions. ***Please share these updates with your fellow licensed facilities.

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