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Senator Sara Gelser, Chair Senator Dick Anderson, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery Committee

Re: ODHS Aging and People with Disabilites program follow up from the January 28, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1a Population: Update on Progress, Barriers and Successes Presentation

Thank you for the opportunity to present, please accept the information below as follow up to questions that came up during the hearing.

**Request:** Which counties have completed first doses of COVID-19 vaccines for memory care, adult foster homes, and in-home care?

**Response:** Memory Care: First doses for all memory care facilities are expected to be completed February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Foster Homes: ODHS Aging and People with Disabilities program (APD) and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) staff are currently surveying adult foster homes to better understand areas of need. The survey is expected to be complete next week at which point, more data will be available.

In Home Care: Although extensive outreach has occurred, APD is not confident that any county has finished the 1a group. APD has developed a plan, identified individuals who should be included in 1a and is continuously working with Cordinated Care Organizations (CCO) and Local Public Health Authorities (LPHA) to facilitate scheduling for all consumers who want to be vaccinated.

**Request:** Within adult foster homes how many residents and staff have had their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

**Response:** As stated above, more data should be available soon.

Request: When did APD first start reaching out to adult foster homes about COVID-19 vaccines?

**Response:** Outreach about joining the Federal Pharmacy Partnership program (FPP) began in the fall of 2020. For facilities enrolled in the FPP, communication about vaccine clinic implementation began shortly after Dec. 10 when the CDC locked the list of enrolled facilities. State outreach included:

- Communications about registering:
  - <u>Communication sent on 10/22/20</u>

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- <u>Communication sent on 10/30/20</u>
- Communications sent on 11/6/20
- Communication about vaccination clinic implementation and what to do if a facility is not enrolled:
  - o <u>Communication sent on 12/23/21</u>
  - <u>Communication sent on 1/8/21</u>
  - <u>Communication sent on 1/11/21</u>
  - o <u>Communication sent on 1/28/21</u>
- APD is currently contacting all APD adult foster homes to assess areas of need. In some counties this work is being done in conjunction with the outreach currently being coordinated by LPHAs. APD has a dashboard for monitoring vaccine progress and will be working with the county Regional Emergency Coordinators, CCOs, LPHAs and other pharmacy partners in an effort to ensure widest access.
- Finally, staff in APD/AAA district offices reached out to both unenrolled facilities as well as their local public health staff to connect facilities to vaccine opportunities.

**Request:** Please provide a copy of the letter APD sent to in-home residents.

**Response:** Below is a link to the letter which was sent electronically and a hard-copy is being mailed.

https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de2663.pdf

- This letter has been translated into:
  - o <u>Arabic</u>
  - o <u>Cambodian</u>
  - o <u>Farsi</u>
  - o <u>Korean</u>
  - o <u>Romanian</u>

 Simplified Chinese
Somali

o Russian

o <u>Spanish</u>

- <u>Traditional</u> Chinese
- Vietnamese

**Request:** What is the estimated number of people that APD serves who are included as eligible in Phase 1a?

## **Response:**

APD long-term care facility types and populations served	Number of buildings	Estimated number of residents (based on 80% occupancy)	Estimated number of staff (not including associated staff)
Nursing Facilities	130	8,500	12,800
Assisted Living and Residential care	558	23,100	16,160
Adult foster home	1,406	6,500	4,200

Homecare workers currently serving Oregonians	18,800	19,800
Oregonians who are older adults or experiencing disabilities receiving other APD services	217,000	

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