



Alta California
Regional Center

2241 Harvard Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815
916-978-6400

July 13, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Update

Dear ACRC Staff and Service Providers,

After the surge in COVID-19 cases we experienced in January and February this year, we saw the numbers of new cases drop precipitously. As of last week, there are nine new positive client cases reported, and three of these clients required hospitalization. We were hopeful that reporting would no longer include fatalities, unfortunately two of the three hospitalized clients passed away over the last few days. Additionally, we learned that eight direct support professionals (DSPs) have tested positive.

It is the responsibility of our collective community to stay vigilant in providing information and opportunities to become vaccinated. We continue to track the vaccination status of clients who are willing to share this with our staff and are concerned that individuals are becoming more relaxed about precautions, including the need to be vaccinated. ACRC respects the individual choice of each client, DSP, and family members. We want to ensure that when an individual arrives at a decision to decline vaccination, that they are doing so with clear, informed decision-making. That is our duty to our clients and that is our duty to our community. As we are in the process of widely reopening in-person service delivery, regional center staff and service providers must not let up on the vaccination efforts for clients and direct care staff.

To aide in these efforts, if you become aware of an individual that resides in Sacramento County that wishes to receive a vaccination, we can make arrangements with Public Health to come out to their home to vaccinate them. This service can be accessed by emailing the client's information to vaccineinfo@altaregional.org. If you are looking for specific information for another county, please don't hesitate to send an inquiry to vaccineinfo@altaregional.org.

Lori Banales
Executive Director

John W. Decker
Director of Community Services