

Message from ACRC Executive Director Phil Bonnet

To our ACRC Community:

I am writing to update you on our work to support vaccination efforts for eligible adults and their caregivers who are served by ACRC. As I am sure you know, vaccines are in short supply at this time. This is very frustrating to everyone, but we are doing all that we can to advocate on behalf of those we serve here at ACRC.

On February 2nd, we became aware of approximately 300 COVID-19 vaccine doses that had become unexpectedly available and would be prioritized for the ACRC community. We sent out notifications to our community and received an almost immediate response of nearly 2,000 requests. Requests were prioritized for ACRC clients, and on February 4th we were able to get those first 300 vaccines delivered. People who registered but were not selected to participate in the February 4th event remain on a waitlist for the next available delivery of vaccine. Although we do not know when that will be, we are hoping to hear soon.

These efforts by ACRC are *not intended to replace other vaccination opportunities* for our ACRC community. We are only able to help coordinate when supplies become available. ACRC has eligibility letters available to caregivers and certain clients that clarify their eligibility for vaccination in the current phase. Your ACRC service coordinator can assist you to obtain an eligibility letter. These letters can be used at the vaccination sites currently operating in our region. The process seems to be run differently in areas throughout our ten county ACRC region. You are encouraged to reach out to the specific county in which you reside to obtain the most up to date vaccine rollout and clinic information.

I truly wish it were easier. We have received assurances that things will begin to open up soon, but I know that is not much comfort to so many who are still awaiting their turn.

I have declared our efforts to help coordinate vaccinations for as many ACRC clients and caregivers as possible as our agency's number one priority. In order to streamline our vaccination coordination efforts we have designated the following email address for your questions regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations - vaccineinfo@altaregional.org This email address will be monitored by an ACRC staff who has been designated as our liaison to vaccine information.

We remain committed to do all we can to support those we are privileged to serve.

Please be safe and be well,

