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Dear Jubilee Community,

In the past couple weeks, there have been a couple of government announcements on vaccines that impact Jubilee. I want to share Jubilee's current plans to help people access vaccines.

Boosters. Based on federal guidance, Jubilee will help people get COVID vaccine booster shots. Jubilee will not do our own vaccine clinic for boosters. We will instead use pharmacies and other health providers. Availability is as follows:

- Pfizer booster: for people who previously received 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and are age 65 or older, and people ages 18-64 who are at increased risk for Covid-19 due to work, institutional settings, or underlying health conditions. Jubilee is understanding this to apply to all people Jubilee supports, all Direct Support Professionals and other staff with regular interactions with people we support. Pfizer booster shots are available 6 months after the second Pfizer dose. The Pfizer booster shot is not available for people who received the Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Note that most people supported by Jubilee received the Pfizer vaccine, and most staff members received the Moderna vaccine.
- 2. **Moderna booster**: for people who previously received 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine and are immunocompromised. Broader availability is anticipated soon.
- 3. Johnson and Johnson: no booster available at this time.

Jubilee team members will work to assist people in getting boosters, but you may also make your own arrangements. If you do this independent of Jubilee assistance, we ask that you send the record of booster to <u>covid@jubileemd.org</u>. If you have questions, please reach out to your Program Manager or email <u>covid@jubileemd.org</u>.

Mandates for Jubilee staff. On September 9, President Biden announced new COVID-19 vaccine mandates for employees of Medicaid providers and companies with more than 100 employees. We expect one or both of these mandates to apply to Jubilee employees. Jubilee plans to apply the vaccine mandate to all employees following the deadline and guidelines yet to be announced by the federal government. Jubilee will honor good-faith medical and religious exemptions based on available guidance.

With gratitude,

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