



MEMORANDUM

To: Child Placing Agencies

From: Tom Rawlings, Division Director

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Date: March 5, 2021

DFCS received guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health regarding the inclusion of specific foster parents as those now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The foster parents who are eligible include:

- Foster parents of medically complex children qualify to receive the vaccine as caregivers for those children under Phase 1A+. Determinations of children who are considered medically complex should be made by your agency.

Please notify the foster parents in your agency who meet the above criteria of their eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine under state guidelines and provide a completed and signed letter to each applicable foster parent. The foster parent should submit the letter to the vaccine provider at the time of the appointment. Vaccinations are not mandatory and are the personal choice of the individual.

The notifications and letters should be sent to each eligible individual by Friday, March 12, 2021. Once you have completed the notification, please maintain a list of all notified foster parents within your agency.