Dear colleagues,

We are sharing for your reference new <u>guidance</u> that has recently been released from the US Centers for Disease Control regarding service guidance for agencies providing adult day services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Included in this updated guidance is the following:

- Added section on promoting vaccination.
- Added guidance for ADSCs where everyone is fully vaccinated.
- Updated guidance for ADSCs where not everyone is fully vaccinated.
- Updated guidance on indoor and outdoor mask usage.

Key points are as follows:

- Adult Day Services Centers (ADSC) provide social or health services to adults ages 65 and over and adults of any age living with disability.
- Older adults and people with disabilities who are not fully vaccinated are at highest risk for severe illness from COVID-19, which may include hospitalization, intensive care, and death.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely accessible in the United States.
- The guidance outlines strategies that ADSC administrators, staff, volunteers, and participants can use to help maintain healthy environments and operations and lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs.
- Preventive measures include getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, and washing hands.
- Consistent and layered use of multiple prevention strategies can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, administrators, staff, volunteers, participants, and their families.

Agencies with questions can contact Carolyn Bridges <u>ctb1@cdc.gov</u> for vaccine-related questions or Lisa McGuire <u>cqy6@cdc.gov</u> for other infection-prevention guidance questions for ADSC settings.