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Dear CMDA Members,

CMDA The Colorado Society for Post-acute and Long-term Care Medicine Executive Board, in collaboration with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and post-acute, long-term care (PALTC) community leaders want to express our full support for the Colorado emergency rule 6 CCR 1011-1 Chapter 2 Part 12 that requires the COVID-19 vaccine for all healthcare workers.

We actively support and promote this COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the safety of PALTC residents and staff. It is imperative that we continue to follow scientific evidence and approve medical exemptions for COVID-19 vaccines when they concur with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on contraindications for vaccination. The current description of contraindications for COVID-19 vaccination by the CDC is below (Appendix A).

Please join us in helping our community, residents and each other stay safe and support facilities in implementing COVID -19 vaccination. We strongly encourage continuing to promote vaccine education and confidence. Addressing any vaccine concerns with accurate medical facts helps individuals chose COVID-19 vaccination knowing their questions have been answered. Empathetic listening and sharing of accurate vaccine information not only makes a difference in COVID-19 vaccination but shows that we value each person in our facility. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns about the mandate. Information on COVID-19 vaccine education in PALTC is also below (Appendix B).

With Respect,

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Appendix A: Contraindications to COVID-19 Vaccination

Contraindications from the Center for Disease Control may be found at

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations.html#Contraindications

CDC considers a history of the following to be a contraindication to vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines:

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine
- Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine

Appendix B: COVID-19 Vaccine Education for PALTC

CMDA Resources for COVID-19 may be found at <https://CMDA.us/COVID-19-Resources>

[Staff Education for COVID-19 Vaccines.](#)

[Let's Try Something New: Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Now, As Vaccines Become Required](#)