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RE: Inland Regional Center Testing and Vaccination Plan

Attention Department of Developmental Services:

In response to the Department's January 29, 2021 Directive, we are submitting this document and outline to detail Inland Regional Center's (IRC) COVID-19 testing and vaccination plan. Regarding testing and vaccination information, IRC has all details on the website, www.inlandrc.org/coronavirus. It is a specific portal with live links to federal and state agencies that have the up-to-date information on testing and vaccinations. There are links to the Center for Disease Control, Riverside County Department of Public Health (RDPH) and San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBPDH). The links have the sites for all the testing and vaccination locations throughout the two-county area that IRC serves. There are also COVID-19 related blogs, www.inlandrc.org/category/blog/ on the front page of the website to include the most recent ones on personal protective equipment and teaching during a pandemic.

The Service Coordinators are regularly updated with information and asked to inform all clients and families that the website is our one-stop shop for all things related to COVID 19, testing and vaccinations. The Quality Assurance Liaisons are also regularly updated and asked to inform service providers of the updates on the website. Service Providers are also regularly updated through the bi-monthly Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) meetings and sub-committee meetings.

On February 25, 2021, a letter was posted for the clients and their families to take with them to the client's scheduled vaccine site, detailing that they are clients of IRC. The Service Coordinators are currently working on ensuring all clients and families that want to take advantage of getting the vaccine(s) are getting the client specific letter to assist them at the site.

IRC has teamed up with local stakeholders to include service providers on the Executive Committee of the VAC, State Council of Developmental Disabilities and the Autism Society of the Inland Empire to connect and collaborate with RDPH and SBPDH. As a result of this collaboration, we have secured working relationships with both counties and are actively advocating to get our clients, client care providers and service providers vaccinations. Riverside County has heard our requests to have specific drive thru sites for our clients, because many cannot stand in line at a clinic for hours. They have requested to get information on service providers in the community who are willing and able to set up IRC client specific sites, so our clients get the vaccine in a manner that is appropriate to meet their needs.

SBDPH has been extremely collaborative and has given the approval to accept all IRC service providers, client care providers and clients, with the accompanied IRC letter. If there are any questions, the clinics and staff can communicate with our Community Engagement Program Manager, CJ Cook, via his cell phone or an email address we created to assist in collecting COVID-19 related questions at community@inlandrc.org.

If you have any questions or require further discussion regarding the plan, I can be reached at vtoms@inlandrc.org or at 909-890-3275.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director