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**EOEA PI-23-13**  
**Ref: PI-21-03**

**TO:** Aging Services Access Point (ASAP) Executive Directors  
ASAP Contract Managers  
Home Care Agency Providers

**FROM:** Lynn Vidler,  
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**DATE:** September 13, 2023

**RE:** EOEA Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Home Care Agency Providers

### **Introduction**

Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) is issuing this program instruction (PI) to update the COVID-19 Vaccine guidance for home care agency providers and direct care workers.

This PI supersedes and replaces previous COVID-19 vaccination guidance.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance**

As of the date of this PI, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) rescinds the requirements of home care agency providers in PI-21-03 regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination remains the most important and effective strategy for avoiding hospitalizations, adverse long-term health outcomes, and death. EOEA strongly encourages agencies to have their direct care workers stay up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations per the most current applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation.

ASAP contracted home care agencies must develop and implement a policy to provide education to their direct care workers regarding the importance of vaccination, as well as provide resources and assistance to support direct care workers in becoming vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention serves as a valuable resource to support education on the importance of vaccination and is a recommended source of information.

**Effective Date and Compliance:**

This PI is effective on the date of its release.

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