



CSS Announces Covid-19 Vaccinations For Residents and Staff

Dear Supporters,

This week we celebrated a small victory and wanted to share it with you.

We are happy to announce that currently 60 CSS staff and 80 participants in our residential programs have received at least the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine!

Through Pillars Community Health in LaGrange, vaccines were provided for residents of three of our Group Residential (CILA) Homes as well as some staff. Then, Jewel/Osco of Countryside, provided an on-site clinic so the rest of our residential participants, and staff who were interested, could be vaccinated. We thank Pillars Community Health and Jewel/Osco for their partnership.

CSS has worked extremely hard during this most difficult time to keep the residents in our group homes and staff safe, and Covid-free. Because we serve such a fragile population who could be especially vulnerable to Covid-19, it has been a priority for CSS to provide access to all who want the vaccine. This has been extremely challenging as there was no state process or priority established for agencies providing services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Many staff pursued their own options as essential workers the last month.

If there is an opportunity to offer the vaccine to community participants and their families, we will communicate this news immediately.

We look forward to the time when we can safely re-open our Community Day Programs, Academy Programs, and Group Respite Services to community participants because we know many are missing their friends and the programs they so enjoy!

Sincerely,

Diane Farina White
President/CEO