



Dear valued colleague,

It has been a challenging time to be a health care provider. The pandemic has certainly taken its toll on all of us. The way in which you have responded to help reduce not only disease but also fear and anxiety is nothing short of outstanding. **Thank you for being there to make the important decisions and take care of the people of Delaware.**

Now, we ask you to take one more step to help us gain more ground against this dangerous virus: Ask if your patients have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine and recommend they get it if they haven't. We are aware that some people are hesitant and need more information or a chance to discuss their concerns. As someone who is trusted to make health care decisions, your voice and input matter.

Please arm yourself — and your staff — with facts and information that can help your patients make the best decision about getting vaccinated. Provider credibility can go a long way. Feel free to share that 96% of physicians surveyed by the American Medical Association reported they got vaccinated themselves.

As you are aware, millions have received the vaccines, with minimal negative health implications. Tracking the safety of the vaccine is of utmost importance to the FDA and is perhaps the largest, most comprehensive safety monitoring initiative in U.S. history.

We have included a number of fact sheets and other materials — including flyers pinpointing locations — for you to use in your practice to help spread the word about the vaccine. If your practice is not currently offering the vaccine, we also are available to help you become an enrolled provider. For a limited time, vaccine providers can order gift cards when an order is placed for vaccine supply. If you have questions, contact **covidvaccine@delaware.gov**.

Please review this toolkit and use it to help your patients make the decision to get vaccinated. As always, we stand ready to assist you in any way possible to vaccinate as many people as possible — to reduce the risk of severe illness and save lives.

Regards,

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