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Dear Colleagues:

As fellow physicians, we are committed to helping you navigate the resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic. **This brief message is intended to clarify your options regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.**

This message may be most helpful for members of our independent practices, and does not supersede or replace advice provided by the State of Delaware, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Delaware health system you may be affiliated with.

Physicians employed by health systems should consult with their leader/Department chair for details on the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Independent physicians/providers who want to be vaccinated should contact and inquire with the medical-dental staff office of the hospital/health system where they have privileges or are on staff.

Independent practices should also enroll their practices to get set up to receive the vaccine. This allows you to (a) request a small number of vaccine for just you and your office staff; and/or (b) request a more substantial number for your patients.

- This website provides information on how to get your practice enrolled:
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/vaccine-information-for-medical-providers/>
- The State of Delaware's overall guidance on COVID-19 vaccination is here:
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/>
- Dr. Rick Hong, DPH Medical Director, recently spoke about this at a talk moderated by us; that talk is very informative and you can view it here:
<https://youtu.be/dqbsXYAWRmA>

Please remember that we continue to have effective prevention tools at our disposal, including masking, hand hygiene, and (when possible) physical distancing. As physicians and providers, we bear an important responsibility to educate our patients on the best available evidence on prevention and that evidence includes all the above as well as vaccination. It is our fervent hope that all eligible Delawareans will receive the vaccine in the first half of 2021, and you as front-line workers will receive yours much sooner.

We are truly in this together. We wish you and yours a happy holiday season, and a (much) healthier 2021.

Sincerely,

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