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00:00:01.139 --> 00:00:10.439 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Good afternoon everyone this is Winslow Woodland Deputy Director for the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

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I will be standing in for Director Andrew Reese today. First, I'd like to welcome you to our

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weekly Community and Provider Forum.

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We'll start off by sharing with you

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the data that we keep

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on COVID.

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So, all right, I've been told that this view may be a little smaller.

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than what you may be accustomed to, but if you can make the adjustments on your screen, that would be helpful to me because

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I've tried everything I know to do from a technology standpoint. I should note that this presentation will also be posted on our website.

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So, for the month of February to date, we have 6

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confirmed cases. That's up.

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4 cases from last week.

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And we should note that we have a total of 406 confirmed cases. We have 2 people who have tested positive

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again, after testing, negative, one was in April and one was in, May.

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In terms of placement type as you can see, we have 192 cases

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that have been

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that are supported living and that is up

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5 from, I'm sorry, that's up 4 from last presentation we have

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7 in host home, we have

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In ICF's we have 48

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In natural homes we have 2 in nursing homes 4 in out of state placements, and a total of 37 and residential habilitation settings.



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And in terms of percentage of infection rate and death by placement type

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For intermediate care facilities we have a total of 37%

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of the overall population, and we had 10 deaths within the ICFs and 10 of those have been.

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confirmed COVID cases.

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For natural homes, we have an overall percentage of 5% positivity and

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Of those, we have a 10% death rate.

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and that is confirmed all of those were confirmed COVID death.

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And residential habilitation settings, we have a positivity rate of just under 31%.

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We have a death rate of

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8.8% with a confirmation of 5.8% of those supported living. We have a

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A 20.6% positivity rate with a 7% death rate.



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And 6.2% confirmed death rate for overall percentage for all served we have a 16.7%

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16.7 overall percent.

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positivity rate with a 11% death rate of those cases and 8.29%.

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I saw a comment in the slide.

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Could you read me that comment? It sort of was dealing with the numbers and I didn't want to move forward past that.

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00:04:25.949 --> 00:04:29.699 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**
The comment is 192 in Supported Living

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is the same number and report it last week but Winslow reported that there were 4 new cases

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00:04:35.879 --> 00:04:46.228 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
since last report. okay if I was not clear the 4 new cases 2 were in Res Hab and 2 were in ICF.

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Thank you for that. Good catch, but

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The 4 new cases again are 2 were in Res Hab and two were in ICF setting.

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I should note that if you go back to this slide



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One of the things you'll note here

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is if you look at the very bottom of the right pie chart, it says supported living that number was the number

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that Director Reese had placed in that chart

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prior to the week of his presentation, so, within the pie chart, you'll see 192 and that was the number for last week.

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but the 187 was a reminder of what the

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number was the following week, so hopefully that didn't confuse you more.

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All right, and just this little graphic shows you

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the spikes that we've had in the various placement types with the corresponding months.

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As you can see

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In December latter part of November or December and January, we had a significant up tick and many people are

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correlating that to the holiday season and travel and visits.

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conducted by staff and people serve with their families, but thankfully we have seen a significant drop.

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And we hope that it continues to stay steady and

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and in terms of

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those who've required inpatient treatment

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I thought I had updated this slide that that number should be 4 people who are currently hospitalized.

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And I don't want to do it now, but in the month of February, they're currently 4 people hospitalized.

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And the total of 140 who's required inpatient treatment.

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And in terms of those, who've lost their lives, we have a death total of 46 with 33 of those

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being confirmed COVID related to COVID to date

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and this chart shows, the confirmed COVID cases by month

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and to date we have 631 staff provider staff who've tested positive for COVID.

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47 of these staff have worked for more than 1 provider and 10 of those,
unfortunately

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have lost their lives to COVID. So that is our data

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we can move into a round of questioning

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I just wanted to

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just share with the group that this week we had presentation for our provider
nurses that was conducted by D.C Health.

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Epidemiology specialist and nurse Darryl Hawkins.

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who I believe there were 300 in attendance for that particular presentation and
we're very pleased to continue to be able to provide these type of opportunities
to our provider community and staff

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to continue to try to mitigate the virus, this presentation was specifically on

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the quarantine and isolation process, and I believe we will be placing that
training online for those who were not able to attend.

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So, we also have



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I see another question.

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00:09:06.149 --> 00:09:13.499 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Okay says Winslow still confusing since

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The total last week was 398. Today's total was 406

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That's an increase of 8. Actually, today's total is 404 and 2 of those are repeats.

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So, when you see 400 last week.

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Keep in mind that 2 of those people.

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I'm sorry no last week, there were 400 positive cases and then 2 of those people reported which the number would have been 402 total but 2 of those cases where repeats and we've had a total of 4

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new cases since last week. So, 406 may seem confusing because it just counts 2 people twice.

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And I'm sorry for all that confusion if there is any.

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So, what was I? There is continued work on our Appendix K that we will be submitting to CMS. We've been working with

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DHCF on that,

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and the primary changes that we're looking to get approved by the remote,

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the use of remote supports with the person

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being able to be supported by another provider while they're receiving that and we're also looking to get permission for people who are able to provide companion to

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enhance, who can provide companion.

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We also are working to have another vaccine clinic, which will.

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I think the tentative dates are the 23rd and the 24th of February.

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And this will be open to all of those who are able to receive the vaccine based on the guidance that comes from DC Health and

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Okay, I see Robin Shadford typed that last week. It was 398.

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And 404 this week is 6 people more.

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I will verify that. You could be right? I'm not a statistician by trade and I hate when I don't get numbers right because

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some people live by exactness. I can tell you that. I do know that there are 404 people who are positive today.

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And I didn't present last week, and I probably wasn't paying as close attention as I should. But at any rate, I'm so glad that all of you are paying such great attention.

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It really makes me feel that everyone has their head in the game when it comes to this COVID.

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So, we'll take questions I believe we had one question

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That was submitted prior to the onset of the call.

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00:12:32.938 --> 00:12:41.339 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Good afternoon. Everyone could D. C. Health please provide clarity

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around CDC, guidance regarding quarantine recommendations for fully vaccinated persons based on my reading, the updated guidance quarantine recommendations, still stand for our settings, including healthcare professionals,

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But is there anything else we need to be aware of?

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00:13:01.614 --> 00:13:03.474 **(ANSWER) DARRYL HAWKINS**

Great thanks. That's a great question.

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CDC did release an update on February 10th,

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so just a few days ago,

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but I will remind everyone on the call that,

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you know,

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DC Health is reviewing the updated CDC guidance and we review CDC guidance in addition to,

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the national and local DC data and the most current scientific evidence,

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whenever we make any changes or revisions to the DC Health guidance,

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which applies to DC healthcare facilities,

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DC residents,

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DC,

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healthcare personnel who work in D.C.



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so, at this time DC Health guidance for quarantine infection control prevention.

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COVID-19 measures continues to remain the same for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. So again, as I'm going to echo what Winslow says, it's so great to hear people who are so,

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keeping track of the changes from CDC, it tells me that you're really trying to stay on the most current information and using the right sources. I will remind everyone, though, that DC residents,

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D.C. Health Care facilities, DC person, healthcare personnel that work in D.C. healthcare facilities should continue to follow the DC health guidance, which is posted on a coronavirus.dc.gov.

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Because we really look at the CDC guidance in addition to our local data to make those guidance's for our DC community. So, right now nothing has changed on our end, but we are reviewing it.

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And when it does, we will certainly let everyone on this call know.

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And I hope that answers a question. Thanks.

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00:14:54.384 --> 00:15:04.764 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Yeah, and thank you for that Darryl and the comment regarding the number 398 that is exactly accurate.

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And I apologize for the

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It's my job to send this data out

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every day. And as I look at my Monday report, there were 400 people who were reported and then 4 more came in after that.

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So, what I'm going to do is make sure that I correct that before that slide is posted.

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and I can

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00:15:39.538 --> 00:15:42.658
take any other questions

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00:15:42.658 --> 00:15:46.408
while I look at this data.

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00:15:46.408 --> 00:15:56.729 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**
There are a couple of people who have lost their personal ID, will they accept the birth certificate or Medicaid card to permit them to get the vaccine?

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00:16:00.089 --> 00:16:05.399 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
That question, I will defer to my esteemed colleagues at DC.

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00:16:11.219 --> 00:16:14.548 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**
Hi, everybody if Karen Springfield.

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00:16:14.548 --> 00:16:19.259
Winslow, I assume that you were talking to me, colleagues at these.

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00:16:19.259 --> 00:16:22.619 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Oh, I'm sorry, I should be more specific.

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We have the expert epidemiology, and then we have the nurse that is working to coordinate the vaccine effort for those who don't know.

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Nurse Springfield sits with Dr Shaw who's leading the vaccine effort for the city?

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And she works very closely with Dr Shaw and

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Well, here to, for refer to, as the vaccine, the expert. Oh, my goodness. No, that's a lot of pressure.

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00:16:46.828 --> 00:16:59.219 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**

Well, pressure make so, only if you start off as call so as far as the identification.

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I don't have a good answer for you as I don't want to give you

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wrong information, that's something that I will have to ask.

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It may be pharmacy specific.

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But, again, I'll follow up with that, and then relay that information to you Winslow, and then you can disperse it as needed.

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00:17:17.729 --> 00:17:22.798 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you so much make a note of that to get back with you on that.

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Next question.



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00:17:26.548 --> 00:17:35.878 **QUESTION (CRYSTAL THOMAS)**

Deputy Kirk Dobson made a note, sent a note that he will release more information regarding the 2nd dose

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appointment next week, and last week there was mentioned that the requirements to get two negative tests before returning to certain services is old guidance. Can you tell us what

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the new guidance is?

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So, I guess Kirk will get more information. I'll let I'll let our epidemiology.

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Yeah, next consultant.

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00:18:01.769 --> 00:18:08.489 **(ANSWER) DARRYL HAWKINS**

Thank you, Winslow. Great question. So, do you see health guidance on.

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On this continuation of transmission,

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based for captains for individuals who are positive for COVID,

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and our DC Health guidance for return to work for healthcare personnel,

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who are positive for COVID-19,



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both state that DC Health no longer recommends the requirement of 2 negative tests.

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Prior to clearing individuals who are under isolation or

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In other words,

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infected from either returning work,

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or being off of transmission-based precautions and the reason for that is that CDC also updated their guidance on this is that there are individuals who are no longer infectious that may continue to test positive on their

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on the PCR tests not because they are still infectious,

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but because that PCR test may be picking up viral pieces that is not infectious virus for those individuals.

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Therefore

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unnecessarily prolonging their isolation period when they are no longer at risk of transmitting it to others.

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So,

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our guidance instead,

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states,

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if somebody has symptoms that you use the symptom-based strategy,

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which is again,

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outlined in our guidance,

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or if they've never had symptoms to use time-based strategy,

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which is also outlined in our guidance and

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I will post those 2 links on the chat for people's reference and that's also found
on the coronavirus.dc.gov under the tab

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health guidance for those that want to take a look at that.

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00:19:40.679 --> 00:19:45.118 **WINLSOW WOODLAND**
Thank you.

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00:19:49.134 --> 00:20:02.334 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**
Okay, and I'm not sure if we have data regarding this next question can you please
provide an update on the progress vaccinating people in ICF's and Residential Hab
settings?

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What percentage of those people have received the 1st vaccine and is there a plan in place for them to receive? 2nd shots?

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00:20:10.709 --> 00:20:16.739 **(ANSWER) WINSLOW WOODLAND**

All right, so I will repeat we are working on a

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2nd vaccine clinic and vaccine clinical focus specifically on those people who need a 2nd shot and in terms of numbers I would have to defer to

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and I don't know if Deputy Dobson has those numbers handy, but I don't want to misspeak.

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On that, but I can

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see, if because I know Karen worked closely with Deputy Dobson on those numbers and I believe there were just under 200 people but don't quote me on that answer. And we'll get you that number.

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And I would just like to add just for context.

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This is not mandatory and there are people opting not to take the vaccine, although we're strongly encouraging people to take the vaccine and we're doing everything in our power in terms of coordination

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2 weeks ago, I think DC was listed at 5th best in the nation in terms of distributing the vaccine to its citizenry. And while I've heard people have grave concerned about how this is

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we're a consumer driven society. And I think that that leads us to believe that whenever we want something, we should be able to have it. But this is not your ordinary distribution of a concern that this is a

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on the ground effort, and as was mentioned last week, the District can only distribute vaccine that's actually been delivered.

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And there are cases when vaccine is delivered that people are not using the vaccine distributed amount that day,

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and I've heard that some people just by being, at a store are able to get the vaccine, because they don't want to waste it. So, asked you to consider when this vaccine is distributed no one wants it wasted.

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And so, we have to plan effectively, and I believe

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we're doing the best that we can to ensure that our

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people supported are in line for the vaccine we've been working on this before vaccine, even hit the District.

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Do you have any, do you have any numbers Karen off the top of your head.

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00:22:43.163 --> 00:22:50.483 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**

I believe that the total number of people that were vaccinated January, 26 and 27, that kind of work was about 320 people.

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I don't know what this is in terms of percentage of your total. I see. I can see our population.



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00:23:03.749 --> 00:23:09.058 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
That would be that would if that number 320.

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Is the actual number we have just

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under 400 people in a Res Habs and

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I see, I think the numbers 273.

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For and 105 for Residential Habilitation and so that would be pretty good.

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Percentage wise, but I should also add for the benefit of this conversation that

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there are many people who are receiving these vaccines at Federally qualified
standing clinics.

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And others who are 65 and over

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who have made preparations to receive the vaccine on our own,

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and DDA we have more control over the ICFs and Supporter Living and Res Habs
because we have providers who serve as informant on information such as who gets
vaccinated and who doesn't,

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but Natural Homes



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there's no requirement for people to share their health information with us it's optimal when they do but we can't say with certainty how many people have had the vaccine to date, but because of that clinic and are coordinating it.

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I trust that number 320 because, as I said Nurse Stringfield was on the ground and

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her and Deputy Dobson worked previously to put together the scheduling system to encourage providers to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and our working to plan the 2nd

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Vaccine people calling in the clinic, Hawaii calls it a hub was on a national call with some states regarding the vaccine distribution with regards to their being able to coordinate it

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and I think that there are many who are struggling.

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and many by many, I mean, states who are having a hard time, figuring out how to get this vaccine out.

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00:25:13.163 --> 00:25:25.824 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

And for those who are looking for an exact number, Deputy Dobson mentioned, sent me a note that he can report out on the exact number next week on Wednesday.

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00:25:27.749 --> 00:25:40.469 **QUESTION (CRYSTAL THOMAS)**

Are we required to have a person served tested for COVID prior to receiving the vaccine? This is for people who have shown no signs or symptoms.

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00:25:40.469 --> 00:25:53.278 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I'll defer to D.C. Health, but off the top of my head, I have never heard of a requirement that you'd be tested prior to having a vaccine, but I'll defer to the expert.



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00:25:54.898 --> 00:25:59.159
Silence.

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00:25:59.159 --> 00:26:05.368 **(ANSWER) KAREN STRINGFIELD**
Go ahead, Karen, I haven't heard of such requirement either. So I would say no.

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00:26:05.368 --> 00:26:11.608 **DARRYL HAWKINS**
I concur. I would say, as we have recommended.

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00:26:11.608 --> 00:26:17.159
Test individuals for COVID-19 for the same reasons that we were asking you to test them before.

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One is if they show symptoms two, if they've had a direct exposure, that's other times that you could consider it but otherwise there is no requirement to test individuals

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without an indication prior to vaccination thanks.

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00:26:31.138 --> 00:26:46.048 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**
And, are there plans to set up additional appointments for the 1st dose? We have not been successful, securing appointments for the 1st dose for most of the people we support in ICF and

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00:26:46.048 --> 00:26:59.398
Deputy Dobson reported that he's working on new appointments for the 1st dose and more information will be released next week. So, stay tuned everyone.

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00:26:59.398 --> 00:27:13.223 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**
In regard to the 320 staff or people supported, I believe we will report out next week. Is that correct?

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00:27:14.578 --> 00:27:21.058
Yeah, well, yeah, I will, I'll ensure that I get that number from Deputy Dobson and.



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But I am, I am a bit discouraged that people are still having trouble getting these appointments and we have a stand a meeting Monday with D.C.

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Health and we'll definitely make that an agenda item. We talk about it every week, but.

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My hope is that as we're further along in this process, that we will be getting more vaccine, I've been reading reports that we will be getting more vaccine.

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And hopefully, what that means is, we'll be able to get more appointments freed up because I do know a couple of people, 65 and older who literally had appointments online

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and then they were told that the appointments were canceled because there wasn't enough vaccine to go around. I've also heard accounts of people receiving the vaccine and this is not DDA target population and/or staff

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But, I've heard of people who've been able to get the vaccine as I've stated just by being in a store at the time of the day that the store may stop distributing vaccine and rather than wasted, they just ask if people want it.

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I've also heard horror stories of people misrepresent misrepresenting themselves

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as people who are already able to get the vaccines, so we'll keep working. We definitely want

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Our folks supported to be in the front of the line as much as they can be.



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Um,

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interestingly we had a discussion and it was sort of interesting because there was a time when certain clinics and hospitals required days for our target population to come and people fought

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vehemently in terms of that not being fair,

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or representative of

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an integrated kind of society culture and now we find ourselves wanting to be set aside and apart for a purpose. And I just thought that was very interesting.

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But in this case, I'm willing to take that.

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00:29:29.453 --> 00:29:43.433 **QUESTION (CRYSTAL THOMAS)**

Has any headway been made in discussions between DDS and D.C. Health and moving people supported by DDA who are under 65 and not in ICFs or Res Hab, rehab for the priority list?

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00:29:44.219 --> 00:29:50.999 WINSLOW WOODLAND

For vaccinations? I'm sorry could you read the 1st part of that question again?

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00:29:50.999 --> 00:29:56.278 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Yes, any, any discussions between DDS and D.C. Health

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And moving people supported by DDA under 65, not in ICF not in Res Hab up the priority list for vaccines. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** Yeah, we had a discussion every week.

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Um, so the thing that I can tell you is.

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You know, none of us on this call and makes that rule

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and we have to follow it and believe me, when I tell you, we're trying to do the best that we can with regard to all people have an opportunity to get this vaccine.

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And we are aware that some people have tried and have not been successful, but we're also we talk about this weekly.

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And as vaccines are is available, and we're able to get it to people who don't fall into those categories. Believe me, we're going to get it to them.

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00:30:54.838 --> 00:31:01.378 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**
When an employee vaccinated will they still need to test for that?

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00:31:02.759 --> 00:31:13.439 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
I'm going to defer that question to Darryl, because I think I think she sort of already answered that, but I'm just going to defer to Darryl.

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00:31:13.439 --> 00:31:17.459 **DARRYL HAWKINS**
Could you repeat the question?

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00:31:19.378 --> 00:31:25.949 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**
Sure, when an employee's vaccinated will they still need to be tested for COVID-19.

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00:31:25.949 --> 00:31:35.429 **(ANSWER) DARRYL HAWKINS**
Yes, so if regardless of vaccination status, if an individual, whether it's staff or person supported.

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Has symptoms indicative of COVID 19 we would suggest test or any other reasons that we currently are asking people to get tested, including maybe a direct exposure to another individual that is positive with COVID

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So regardless of vaccinations status, the testing guidance continues for individuals both staff and person supported.

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00:32:01.169 --> 00:32:04.409 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you, Darryl.

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And there's a suggestion, our main pharmacy that we use provide medications to residential persons are in the process of acquiring vaccines and we'll be able to provide them to persons and employees under our agency.

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00:32:20.759 --> 00:32:23.848 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Could they share what

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Yeah, cause it's my understanding that there were several additional pharmacies brought on-line to be able to help with this vaccine effort.

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To include Harris Teeter and

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is it Walgreens there were the governments entered into agreements with other pharmacy so that we can expand who's able to distribute a vaccine, which is positive news.

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00:32:54.388 --> 00:33:02.459 **(ANSWER) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Okay, so Alpha pharmacy.

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00:33:02.459 --> 00:33:07.169 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Okay, that's a new 1. I haven't heard of them, but that's good to know.



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Any idea when that will happen, it just says, um, are in the process. So, I don't know if you have a timeframe.

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Or that the person who shared that information.

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00:33:24.239 --> 00:33:34.169 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

It says not at the moment, I would suspect that that would be information that would be readily available to the public as it comes out.

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Um, it's good to know.

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That this is, this is encouraging, but I've heard of at least Harris Teeter. And I believe is Walgreen's being added.

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We may actually go and

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that just triggered a thought in my mind for no

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particular reason at all, but there has been reports of

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people claiming to have the vaccine and

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trying to defraud people in terms of charging prices for it. So I would encourage any and all on this call to ensure that they look out for that. There's also this

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Public health emergency is also lent itself to



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all kinds of opportunities for people seeking money and I think maybe one of these calls will have our colleagues from the office and Inspector General possibly share some data on what they're seeing in terms of

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people calling people's homes and

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misrepresenting and that just jumped in my head, because I had heard about people trying to sell a vaccine that it wasn't

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actually vaccine.

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00:34:59.699 --> 00:35:08.849 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

And a question regarding our Appendix K. when will that be finalized?

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00:35:08.849 --> 00:35:13.798 **(ANSWER) WINSLOW WOODLAND**

We're pretty near close to submitting.

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I was in a couple of meetings this morning, and I think that.

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You know, we can provide, you.

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a more solid update next week. We do know it's in the hands of our partners in DC Health Care Finance and

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making sure that all of the recommendations that we want actually fit within the guidelines of what we believe CMS will accept. I know for some seems like a very tedious process, but we really have to be thoughtful



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on what we present to CMS because their time is valuable

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And so, as ours, and what we like to do is to look at some of our neighboring partners, and other states, who have been able to be creative and we kind of tweak what they have. And then submit what we have.

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So, it should be very soon. I'll just say that.

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Silence.

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00:36:54.568 --> 00:37:03.958 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

And I will also just

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like, to say that DDS is having its Performance Hearing

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And that will be

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On the 18th, which is next Thursday.

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And I believe it's in the morning at 9:00 a.m.

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Someone can correct me if I'm wrong. I saw one question. I haven't been able to.

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Get my screen share the way I want it to but, I mean to display as, and it has to do with, you can read that question regarding people testing positive for the virus related to the vaccine.



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Let's see.

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00:37:46.918 --> 00:37:54.778 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Can you clarify if people who are tested positive for COVID, have any waiting period for the vaccine?

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00:38:00.148 --> 00:38:14.340 **(ANSWER) KAREN STRINGFIELD**

Hi, it's Karen. I think I need more information on the question. I'll be talking about people who are actively positive or have tested positive

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And have gone through the isolation period and

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And are now COVID free.

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And I guess that I'll answer it either way for positive people stay in your isolation

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And then, for people who had previously tested positive and are now COVID free

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I would say, defer to whatever your primary care provider is saying.

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There is, I guess the

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The thought that the studies that your immune system and the antibodies will last in your in your body for about 90 days? So, if we are

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looking at a critical shortage of vaccine

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Then, yeah, sure, wait that 90 days but if you discuss it with your doctor.

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And they say that you can get it within that 90 days that you have there, declared it COVID free and go ahead and get it.

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00:39:27.840 --> 00:39:40.619 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Someone has asked for the reminder of the number to call for vaccine appointments.
KAREN STRINGFIELD The chat box the number is.

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(855) 363-0333

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and just as a reminder when you call that number, it doesn't have access to any

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other vaccination appointments, they're going to be using the same portal

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That is in vaccinate.dc.gov that you see that.

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so, my recommendation would be to go to the website first, unless you're absolutely unable because it's a quicker process when you do it through the Internet.

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But if you can't go ahead and call, and also see that, there's a climate that CVS staff are visiting group homes in Montgomery County to vaccinate.

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Staff and residents, and I would say that is really incredible.



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I'm not aware of that occurring within the District of Columbia and if D.C. Health is able to

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ever had that available to us. That would be great.

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00:40:45.300 --> 00:40:57.210 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**

So, what I will say is that CVS and Walgreens are part of our federal partnership. So they have been deployed to nursing homes and assisted living in D.C.

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We are working with 2, independent pharmacy, Rhomdart Pharmacy and also Flex care.

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To provide some on site vaccinations that is a long process. And if you can imagine

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there are numerous, like, over several 100 group homes and congregate settings in DC. So, it does take some time to kind of organize those things.

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So that is also an option in addition to, as you stated the increase in vaccines that we're going to be getting from the federal government.

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So, there will be a little bit of a I guess reprieve from the

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gridlock vaccination appointments, so

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I can't say when, but it

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will be looking up in the next couple of weeks. I'll say that.

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Thank you for that. And by looking up, I'm sure everyone knows what that means, but I'll just.

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try to clarify because sometimes I use terms and how like.

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We will get there people is what Karen just said and that we can be positive.

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And then we'll see, what else do we have.

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00:42:20.730 --> 00:42:31.409 **(QUESTION) CRYSTAL THOMAS**

Can there be a forum to train on the process for CPR on COVID-19 positive patients?

340 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

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Oh, interesting.

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So, if I understand the question is, if a known person

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has COVID, there's some concern that that person CPR would have to be.

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Administered in a different or a more considerate fashion based on the call with that. That's very interesting. Like to hear your take on it Darryl. Yeah.

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00:43:03.114 --> 00:43:12.144 **(ANSWER) DARRYL HAWKINS**

Yeah, So actually the American Heart Association release interim guidance on cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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During COVID, because is considered a potentially aerosol generating procedure.

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And sometimes we don't know that somebody is positive or COVID when we're responding to

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somebody who needs so, um, there is guidance to that. I'm happy to post that from the Ha, American Heart Association in the chat. But

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And it does go over, uh, both by standard.

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Um, and out of a hospital type setting.

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Guidance, and also in the hospital as well, which doesn't necessarily apply to the setting for those on the call.

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But I can post that into chat, but there are some considerations, for example, on

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Hands only CPR when

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Responding out in the community is, is one of the things that they do have in the guidance.

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So, I'll post that for their reference in terms of a webinar. I'll defer to DTS on that.

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00:44:15.750 --> 00:44:28.440 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you. **CRYSTAL THOMAS** So someone posted.



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A note,

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not sure if it was an email or a note, dear community partners,

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I'm writing to advise the community that West Link Career Institute has been awarded a federal grant to make the community aware of hands only CPR and make the right

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911 call West Link along with DC fire and offers this free training to D.C. Maryland and Virginia residence.

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Please let your clients and customers know of this free class sponsored by West Link

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Career Institute, and you can register by email

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DCwestlink@live.com or at www.westlink.dc.com

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00:45:19.590 --> 00:45:28.530 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

I don't know for certain, but I would have to say that.

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DDS is not endorsing or advertising for Westlink. I just think we need to say that, but we really appreciate all of the resources that people are submitting to share

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and that's where community does and we, thank you whoever posted that.



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00:45:47.820 --> 00:45:59.760 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**

The committee on human services will hold our DDS' performance oversight hearing on February 18th at 12.

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00:45:59.760 --> 00:46:04.980 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Oh, thank you. Crystal.

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Silence.

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Is that a repeat question?

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I'm sorry, I wasn't clear when I said some see that it says.

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When will amended Appendix K finalized?

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As I stated it is now in the hands with our partners at D.C. Healthcare Finance.

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May not be a 1 this call, but typically, what happens is we, we meet.

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We,

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Add additional request. We review. We make sure it's sufficient,

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What we believe is sufficient to submit to CMS, and then it would be in their hands and to my knowledge, as of this week, it's not left

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D.C. Healthcare Finance.

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Is there any way to mute Miss Parkar? If she's on the line?

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Take a note.

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00:48:50.730 --> 00:49:00.570 **CRYSTAL THOMAS**
What you say this is correct. Winslow. We are waiting for

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right now we're looking at adding supplemental payment information into our Appendix K. So

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let's see, I think we've moved Ms. Parker over.

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00:49:17.130 --> 00:49:30.385 **CHANEL PARKAR**
Good afternoon. Everyone, I'm just going to reiterate what Winslow and Crystal have shared so far everything on DDS' side has been finalized. So it is currently with the DHCF.

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There's are still some calculations that are being made on DHCF behalf once those calculations have been made, then they will proceed with submission to CMS.

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This is as of yesterday, as when I spoke to

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DHCF Staff.

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00:49:59.789 --> 00:50:03.929 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
I'd also just like to share



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just, as we get ready to wrap up the fact that our Director

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and several others

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had conducted another round of visits to our provider community placements and was

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it was reported that

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Providers are now showing tremendous improvement and screening are showing

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promise with mitigation, in terms of ensuring that their staff are aware of

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all of the current mitigation strategies and what I just like for

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people to know is that our staff, our front-line workers who, in many cases may not have

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the training of a clinician and our clinicians within our provider community work previously to explain and to ensure that the staff is able to actually

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practice solid mitigation strategies, and for those of you who really been on board with this effort from the beginning, we're coming up on close to a year

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of having taken our



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Provider system, and our wonderful providers have made tremendous adjustments with regard to how they do business.

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Our service coordination staff, our health and wellness staff, quality staff, all of the various units of DDS

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have had to monitor and continue ensuring their services

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are in place our partnerships with and DC Health,

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And the Department of Behavioral Health have just been

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ramped up, that we always had relationships and we always met.

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We're in this together, and for the families that are, I've talked to many family members since this has been going on the disruption to the routine for their family member, who we support.

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They're doing a tremendous job and making sure that they keep their people active. We also are going to be working with

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The special Olympics on a resource that should be shared freely and openly where it's a remote opportunity for people to engage physically

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because what we recognize is people need to continue to move and stay healthy even though



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you know, they may have limited access to their communities.

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And the beauty of this, this expert group

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offering those recommendations is, they understand some of the consequences of people moving where they may have challenges in get interfacing with their environments and things. So

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you know, that's all stay positive,

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continue practicing solid mitigation strategies,

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and, you know, for the snafu on the numbers, you know, I was off a little bit and I promise you next week I'll

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have those numbers scrubbed, but the number of people who've tested positive is 404 and it is up 6 from last week, and

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I will make sure that I have those numbers accurate next weekend. To all of you stay safe, stay positive and we'll get through this and see you next week.