

Aloha Participants and Families,

We are all watching as the COVID-19 vaccine rollout slowly gains momentum and thought it would be an important time to provide you with an update. While there are many factors that we are assessing, we do anticipate resuming inperson services at some point for all our programs, but for now, the availability of vaccines has not changed our approach for how we will deliver care. We will continue providing Early Intervention and ABA services via telehealth. Adults currently receiving in-person services will continue to receive them. The availability of vaccines has also not changed our position on personal protective equipment. ESH staff providing in-person services will be required to wear masks and participants will be required to wear masks when they can be tolerated. We will also continue to regularly review and evaluate **CDC guidance**, as well as local and state regulations to help us plan for resuming in-person services across all programs.

As you know, getting vaccinated is a personal decision, as is disclosing one's vaccination status. We are currently supporting our staff to understand the vaccine resources available to them to help inform their decisions. If you would like to know more about Hawaii's vaccination plan, please click **here**. You can also check with your healthcare provider for updates on vaccine availability. Caregivers and family members may qualify as healthcare workers and therefore be eligible to receive vaccines now.

Please feel free to contact us at info@EastersealsHawaii.org with questions. Thank you.

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