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Assistant Secretary Carole Malone  
Executive Office of Elder Affairs  
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Massachusetts  
Councils On Aging

Dear Secretary Sudders,

On behalf of the 350 Councils on Aging (COAs) and Senior Centers across the commonwealth, the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging respectfully submits the following background information and questions pertaining to the Massachusetts vaccination plan.

Background:

Councils on Aging have, for 40 years, worked with their local Departments of Public Health, assisting with mass immunization efforts such as holding annual flu vaccine clinics. Many municipalities have a Senior Center that could be the focal point to deliver the COVID-19 vaccines to **older adults** in communities across the commonwealth. Given their breadth of experience and access to older adults, Councils on Aging and Senior Centers may be a resource with the COVID-19 Vaccination project.

As older adults get priority vaccination, it makes sense then, that those individuals who serve them and have **front-facing** and/or **direct-contact**, providing older adults with services and supports should be vaccinated as well.

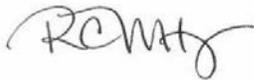
Questions:

These questions seek to identify where **front-facing** and/or **direct-contact** directors, staff, and volunteers of Councils on Aging and/or Senior Centers, in their provision of services and supports to elders, fit in the Massachusetts 3 phase vaccination plan.

1. For COA directors, staff and volunteers who have **direct-contact** by transporting older adults to medical visits and grocery stores; *what phase will they be in?*
2. For COA directors, staff and volunteers who have **direct-contact with** older adults by providing grab-and-go meals, activity kits, or supplies for pick-up at Centers; *what phase will they be in?*

3. For COA directors, staff and volunteers who have **direct-contact with** older adults by delivering in person, medication, food, and supplies; *what phase will they be in?*
4. For COA directors, staff and volunteers who have **direct-contact** by providing group respite programs for older adults such as Supportive Day; *what phase will they be in?*
5. For COA directors, staff, including outreach workers and COA volunteers who have **direct-contact** by providing **front-facing** assistance to older adults who need help applying for; health insurance, fuel assistance, technology assistance, and economic assistance; *what phase will they be in?*

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becky Moriarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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