December 9, 2020

Dear Families,

We are informed that vaccines for COVID -19 will be available to North Dakota this month, December. Furthermore, that people with intellectual disabilities and their support team are high on the priority list. We are being urged to send information to families, people supported and to our employees to start considering this vaccine. This vaccine is not being mandated.

To provide the best information, ABLE, Inc. has created a page on our website that provides information from leaders who are experiencing the effects of COVID-19 (Matthew Shahan, CEO at West River Health Services), and leaders who have been studying COVID-19 and the vaccine (Dr. Paul Carson).

Please begin educating yourselves and visiting with your physician about this vaccine. Your decision will be required soon.

ABLE, Inc. will be sending specific information as we receive it. Please feel free to call me, any of the nurses, or support coordinators with questions as we are gathering a list for which to seek answers.

I am attaching three CDC handouts that might help you with decisions as well.

Please know that we do not have consent forms or the side effects of the vaccine yet. We are hearing that the Department of Health will soon have this ready as well.

This is an exciting time for all of us. It is nice to see a glimmer of hope.

Sincerely,

Mary Anderson, Executive Director, and ABLE, Inc. Board of Directors