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POLICY AND REGULATORY CHANGES TO THE OMNIBUS
COVID-19 HEALTH CARE STAFF VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS (UPDATED)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator

This attached [Federal Registry Changes to the Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Requirements](#) was released on June 5, 2023, as a final rule change for staff vaccination provisions related to COVID-19.

The changes in this rule include several key changes:

- Removes expired language addressing staff and resident COVID-19 testing requirements issued in the interim final rule (IFR) "[LTC Facility Testing](#)" on September 2, 2020.
- Withdraws the regulations published the IFR "[COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination](#)" on November 5, 2021.
- Finalizes certain provisions published in the IFR "[COVID-19 Vaccine Educate and Offer](#)" on May 13, 2021.
- Removes Tag F888 from any surveys exported after June 9, 2023. [QTSO Memo 2023-21](#).
- The interim guidance associated with this change. [FR2023-11449](#)

Generally federal rules become effective 60 days after publication; however, due to the nature of this specific emergency, CMS has determined the specific emergency surrounding this threat no longer exists. In accordance with this new rule and interim guidance from section G of CR2023-11449, RCS will not be enforcing the staff vaccination requirements between now and August 4, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Demler, Policy Program Manager, at charles.demler@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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