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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your tremendous and tireless efforts and sacrifice over the course of this pandemic in helping our community prevent and fight COVID-19. Together, we are making progress with cases, hospitalizations, and deaths decreasing and vaccinations increasing. **Thank you!**

I know that many are fatigued, that Medicaid Transformation is just around the corner, and many of you were ready to receive vaccine before we were ready to get it to you. **But North Carolinians still need you!** I am writing **today to ask you to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider** and help us vaccinate all eligible North Carolinians against COVID-19 who have not yet been vaccinated. **Primary care providers are one of the most trusted** sources of health care. Those who have not yet been vaccinated want to get their information and their vaccines from their trusted health care provider. Your skills are critical in helping people feel confident to get vaccinated by answering patient questions about the COVID-19 vaccines and offering vaccines in a place that people trust. You are the ones that can help us finish that last mile.

The vaccine environment has shifted, and so have we. In the beginning, our vaccine efforts were reliant on high volume and fast administration. Now, with greater supply of vaccine and more flexibility, North Carolina's vaccination program is focused on supporting providers and ensuring vaccines are everywhere and easy to access. We have made many changes to make the process easier for primary care providers to administer COVID-19 vaccines. I thank you for your patience in this process.

The State is using this [Census Tract Map](#), to identify zip codes and census tracts with a high [Social Vulnerability Index](#), low rates of COVID-19 vaccination and no or low number of enrolled vaccine providers. These areas of low vaccination rates are found all across the state. Because of this, I ask that you support North Carolina's recovery and help vaccinate eligible populations. **Please enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccination Provider** in North Carolina's [COVID-19 Vaccine Management System \(CVMS\)](#). I invite you to review [this one-pager](#) with information and FAQs to help you get started.

The state has supports ready for you:

- **Ready to enroll in CVMS?** Please visit the [Provider Enrollment Portal](#) and review our [step by step roadmap](#) to begin the process.
- **Have questions about enrollment or want some personal help?** Please fill out the following form so our team can reach out and get you the information you need: <https://nc.readyop.com/fs/4dgT/227f>.

Let's keep working together to get our vaccination rates as high as possible and [bring summer back to North Carolina](#).

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Tilson".

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