



December 15, 2020

Honourable Scott Moe  
Premier of Saskatchewan  
Room 226, Legislative Building, 2405 Legislative Drive  
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Premier,

On December 9, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Government of Saskatchewan revealed the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Plan. We appreciate the dedication exemplified by the leaders guiding our province through these extraordinary times. While we share in the hope this plan offers, we must also ensure that individuals with intellectual disabilities are protected. The people we support are among those most vulnerable to the COVID-19 disease. Many reside in care homes (in some cases along with seniors and support staff) and other congregate settings. Many have underlying health conditions. Many do not have family or other supports to assist them. As reported in the Globe & Mail on December 4, 2020, "using data gathered from about half of the group homes in New York state, Landes et al., (2020) found the mortality rate for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities living in group homes was 1,175 per 100,000 compared to 151 per 100,000 for the general population."

**We therefore request that you include and prioritize individuals with intellectual disabilities and the frontline workers who support them in the first phase of the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Plan.** In doing this, we feel the Government of Saskatchewan could confidently move forward with its COVID-19 vaccination strategy knowing that those with intellectual disabilities are accounted for, included, and protected.

Sincerely,

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**Kim Hague**  
Executive Director, Inclusion Saskatchewan

cc: The Honourable Paul Merriman, Minister of Health  
The Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Social Services  
Dr. Saqib Shahab, Chief Medical Health Officer  
Scott Livingstone, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Health Authority