



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Mark Elam
Chairman
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Elam,

I ask that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) reallocate 37,800 surplus COVID-19 Moderna vaccine doses from the federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care (LTC) Program to other vaccine providers that are open and accessible to the general public.

The LTC program partners CVS and Walgreens have completed their first pass through our state's long-term care facilities and have determined that there will be a surplus once every resident and staff member have been offered both doses. These surplus vaccines should be made available to the general public right away rather than at the completion of the LTC program.

The timely and expedient transfer of these vaccines is critical to maintaining the public's confidence and participation in the COVID-19 vaccination effort.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

cc: SC DHEC Board
Mr. Marshall Taylor, Acting Director, DHEC