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**Statement of Matt Barrett, President and CEO the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities/Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) and Mag Morelli, President of LeadingAge Connecticut:**

## **The First Nursing Home COVID-19 Vaccines Are a Milestone Achievement and Cause for Optimism**

“We are offering our highest praise for the nursing home residents and staff stepping forward today to be among the first vaccinated from Connecticut’s long term care community.”

“The vaccine is a beacon of light pointing to the other side of this epic public health emergency, and the individuals who will be vaccinated today deserve our appreciation for the example they are setting.”

“No community has had a deeper and more profound understanding of the devastation COVID-19 can bring. Today brings great optimism because we know that the more residents and staff vaccinated, the greater protection our long-term care community will have.”

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