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Dear CURE Epilepsy Community,

Over the past many months, we have rallied together and supported each other as we faced not only the daily impacts of living with epilepsy, but the added challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have worked as a community to care for and protect each other, understanding now more than ever our interconnectedness and the impact our actions have on others.

The COVID-19 vaccines have allowed us to begin returning to our normal lives, and that will continue as the number of people getting the vaccine continues to increase. As you can hear in the video from [Dr. Elizabeth Thiel](#), these vaccines have been demonstrated safe and effective for people with epilepsy. With these advancements, we can now feel safer seeing our family and friends.

While the world was focused on finding a vaccine for COVID-19, CURE Epilepsy remained steadfast in our commitment to fund science to find a cure for epilepsy, because even during times of pandemic, epilepsy doesn't stop, and neither did we. We realized that it was essential to help our researchers who were being negatively impacted by the pandemic, as university and research institutions shut down, so we found the resources to fund [an additional research grant](#) and with the generosity of the Cotton Family in honor of their daughter Vivian, helped [researchers whose projects were stopped](#) and needed additional monies to restart, so we wouldn't lose the advancement of these important projects.

If you'd like to learn more about the vaccines for people with epilepsy, please visit [our FAQs](#). To learn more about the research we've been funding, visit our [grants awarded page](#). And finally, you can learn more about our recent research discoveries by visiting [our news section](#).

Our promise to you is that we will fund groundbreaking research to find the causes of epilepsy to help accelerate science to find a cure. Our commitment is that we will not stop until we can live in a world without epilepsy.

Be well,

Beth Lewin Dean  
CEO