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Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Materials
for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 14, 2019**

AKCEA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: April 17, 2019
Date: June 14, 2019 **Time:** 2:00 PM EDT
Location: Meeting live via the Internet—please visit
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKCA2019.

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKCA2019 and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF AKCEA THERAPEUTICS, INC. (THE "COMPANY") TO BE HELD VIA A VIRTUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 AT 2:00 PM EDT. PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING URL TO ACCESS THE MEETING (WWW.VIRTUALSHAREHOLDERMEETING.COM/AKCA2019).

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