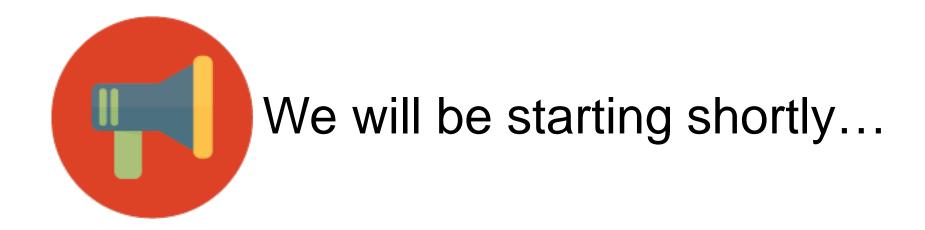
#### Office Hours: Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program







We will be starting the office hours shortly. In the meantime, please submit your questions for our experts via chat.



#### Meet the Experts



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### Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<ul> <li>Phase 1a: "Jumpstart Phase"</li> <li>High risk health workers</li> <li>First responders</li> </ul> Phase 1b: <ul> <li>People of all ages with comorbid and underlying health conditions that put them at significantly higher risk</li> <li>Older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers, school staff and childcare workers</li> <li>Critical workers in high-risk settings</li> <li>People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions</li> <li>People in homeless shelters or group homes, and staff who work in such settings.</li> <li>People in prisons and staff who work in such settings</li> <li>All older adults not included in Phase 1</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Young adults</li> <li>Children</li> <li>Workers in industries and occupations important to the functioning of society and at increased risk of exposure not included in Phase 1 or 2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everyone residing in the US who did not have access to the vaccine in previous phases</li> </ul>

\*These are the recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine; states may select different prioritization options within this framework. The full framework is available on the NAP website.



#### Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program

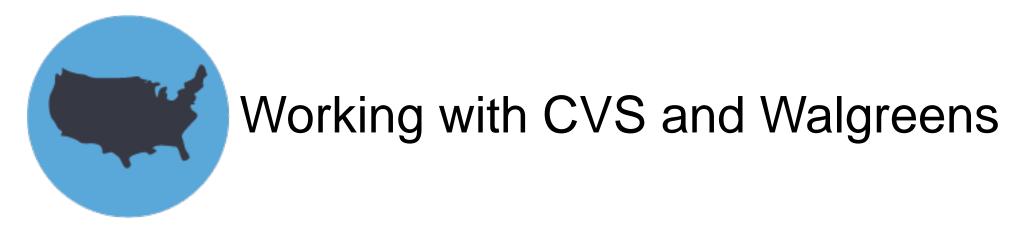
- COVID-19 vaccine will likely become available in phases over the coming months
- Federal government is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to distribute and administer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents at no cost to the facility
- Purpose of this program is to make sure the vaccine gets to LTC residents once available



# Provider Options for Vaccine Distribution

- 1. Have CVS (partnering with Omnicare) come to your building and administer the vaccine to residents and any staff not previously vaccinated.
- 2. Have Walgreens (partnering with PharMerica) come to your building and administer the vaccine to residents and any staff not previously vaccinated.
- 3. Work with your existing pharmacy partner (LTC pharmacy), if they have the capability to meet the requirements
- 4. Partner with another entity such as your hospital health care system, local/state health department, etc.





- CVS and Walgreens will take care of:
  - Schedule and coordinate approximately three on-site clinic date(s) directly with each facility.
  - o Order vaccines and associated supplies (PPE, syringes, needles)
  - o Ensure cold chain management for vaccine
  - o Provide on-site administration of vaccine
  - Report ALL required vaccination data (facilities will have no reporting requirements)
  - Adhere to all applicable CMS requirements for COVID-19 testing of contractors





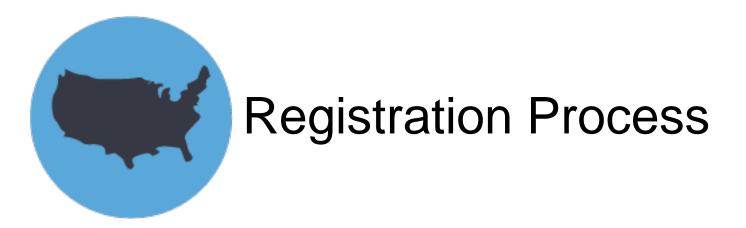
CLINIC 1	CLINIC 2	CLINIC 3
<ul> <li>Dose 1 for everyone in the facility who needs the vaccine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dose 2 for everyone that received Dose 1</li> <li>Dose 1 for new staff/admissions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dose 2 for those who received Dose 1 at Clinic 2</li> <li>Dose 1 for new staff/admissions</li> </ul>



## Opting out of Working with CVS or Walgreens

- Facilities can opt out of this program and elect to work with existing LTC pharmacy or partner with another entity
- You must first ensure:
  - o The partner has signed a provider agreement
  - o The partner can meet CDC requirements
    - Note: verify that alternative pharmacy can meet cold chain management requirements
- Facility and partner of choice will be responsible for:
  - $_{\odot}$  Coordination of and adherence to all vaccine supply chain
  - o Storage, handling, administration,
  - o All public health reporting requirements





- Registration process launched today, October 19<sup>th</sup> via:

   SNF's: NHSN (<u>https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html</u>)
   AL, IL and Other Settings: REDCap Survey (<u>https://redcap.link/LTCF</u>)
- Registration will remain live for two weeks.





• CDC Resources:

o <u>CDC's Program overview</u> o <u>CDC's FAQ</u>

- AHCA/NCAL Resources: • Program overview and FAQ
- Further Questions:

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