

Office Hours: Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program

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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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Program Overview



Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<p>Phase 1a: “Jumpstart Phase”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High risk health workers• First responders <p>Phase 1b:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People of all ages with comorbid and underlying health conditions that put them at significantly higher risk• Older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers, school staff and childcare workers• Critical workers in high-risk settings• People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions• People in homeless shelters or group homes, and staff who work in such settings.• People in prisons and staff who work in such settings• All older adults not included in Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young adults• Children• Workers in industries and occupations important to the functioning of society and at increased risk of exposure not included in Phase 1 or 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone residing in the US who did not have access to the vaccine in previous phases

*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.



Working with CVS and Walgreens

- CVS and Walgreens will take care of:
 - Schedule and coordinate approximately three on-site clinic date(s) directly with each facility.
 - Order vaccines and associated supplies (PPE, syringes, needles)
 - Ensure cold chain management for vaccine
 - 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



Three On-Site Clinics

CLINIC 1	CLINIC 2	CLINIC 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dose 1 for everyone in the facility who needs the vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dose 2 for everyone that received Dose 1• Dose 1 for new staff/admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dose 2 for those who received Dose 1 at Clinic 2• Dose 1 for new staff/admissions



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:
 - The partner has signed a provider agreement
 - 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:
 - Coordination of and adherence to all vaccine supply chain
 - Storage, handling, administration,
 - All public health reporting requirements



Registration Process

- Registration process launched today, October 19th via:
 - SNF's: NHSN (<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html>)
 - AL, IL and Other Settings: REDCap Survey (<https://redcap.link/LTCF>)
- Registration will remain live for two weeks.



Additional Resource

- CDC Resources:
 - [CDC's Program overview](#)
 - [CDC's FAQ](#)
- AHCA/NCAL Resources:
 - [Program overview and FAQ](#)
- Further Questions:
 - COVID-19@ahca.org



Questions?

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