CONSIDERATIONS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES ON ACQUIRING COVID-19 VACCINATION RESOURCES

The purpose of this document is to provide long-term care facilities (LTCFs) with information about acquiring COVID-19 vaccination resources for staff and residents. All LTCF staff members are categorized as health care personnel, the highest priority group for receiving the vaccination, and are eligible for vaccination now. As a reminder, the COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge to all people living in the United States. No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee.

OPTIONS FOR LTCFS TO ACQUIRE COVID-19 VACCINES FOR RESIDENTS AND STAFF

1. Partner with an LTC pharmacy that is enrolled as a COVID-19 vaccine provider in your state or territory.

2. Partner with an LTC pharmacy that is enrolled as a COVID-19 vaccine provider through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.
   - A list of pharmacy partners participating in the federal program is available here.
   - Facilities may coordinate directly with participating LTC pharmacies to get access to vaccines and plan vaccination clinics.

3. Enroll directly as a COVID-19 vaccine provider with your state or territory.
   - The COVID-19 vaccination provider enrollment process differs by state. Facilities should contact their state immunization program for more information.
   - The facility will be responsible for vaccine ordering, storage, handling, administration, and state reporting requirements.

4. Encourage and assist staff and residents to make appointments to be vaccinated at state health department clinics or by other COVID-19 vaccination providers in your state.

OPTIONS FOR LTCF STAFF MEMBERS TO GET VACCINATED

- Receive on-site vaccination through facility agreements with an LTC pharmacy, through a federal pharmacy partnership, or by becoming an LTC Vaccination Program as described in “Options for LTCFs to Acquire COVID-19 Vaccines for Residents and Staff.”

- Choose to be vaccinated by health department clinics or other local vaccination providers.

- Find information about where to get vaccinated on this CDC webpage, which provides links to each state health department webpage. State health department webpages include information about finding a local COVID-19 vaccination site (health department clinic, retail pharmacy, or local pharmacy) and scheduling an appointment. This list will continue to grow as more COVID-19 vaccines become available.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine – This webpage provides links to every state health department’s webpage where you can find information about local COVID-19 vaccination sites (health department clinics, retail pharmacies, or local pharmacies) and how to schedule an appointment. This list will continue to grow as more COVID-19 vaccines become available.

- Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility – This webpage provides resources to build vaccine confidence among staff and residents and to monitor vaccination safety.

- CMS makes Open Door Forums and other presentations available as audio podcasts.

- Quality Innovation Network (QIN)-QIOs are responsible for working with health care providers and the community on data-driven projects to improve patient safety, reduce harm and improve clinical care at the local level. Locate your QIO.