



COVID-19 Vaccination-Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program

A COVID-19 vaccine will likely become available in phases over the coming months. Early phases of vaccine distribution will likely focus on health care workers (including long term care [LTC] staff), with LTC residents to follow.

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities once vaccination is available and recommended for them.

The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process while reducing burden on LTC facilities and jurisdictional health departments. The services will be available in rural areas that may not have easily accessible pharmacies.

As part of this program, which is free of charge to facilities, the pharmacy will:

- Schedule and coordinate on-site clinic date(s) directly with each facility. Three visits over approximately two months will likely be needed to administer both doses of vaccine and vaccinate any new residents and staff.
- Order vaccines and associated supplies (e.g., syringes, needles, personal protective equipment).
- Ensure the specific temperature requirement for storing each vaccine is followed.
- Provide on-site administration of vaccine.
- Report required vaccination data (approximately 20 data fields) to local, state/territorial, and federal jurisdictions including the Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2 within 72 hours of administering each dose.
- Adhere to all applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) COVID-19 testing requirements for LTCF staff.

If interested in participating, LTCFs should sign up (or opt out) starting October 19. The sign-up period has now been extended until Friday, November 6, 2020. The registration process can be accessed via the following sites:

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES	ASSISTED LIVING, INDEPENDENT LIVING AND OTHER CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS
National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)	REDCap

Once the sign-up period has closed, no changes can be made via the online form, and the facility must coordinate directly with the selected pharmacy provider to change any requested vaccination supplies and services.

CDC will communicate preferences to CVS and Walgreens and will try to honor facility preferences but may reassign facilities depending on vaccine availability and distribution considerations and to minimize vaccine wastage.

CDC expects the program services to continue on-site at participating facilities for approximately two months. After the initial phase of vaccinations, each facility can choose to continue working with CVS or Walgreens or can work with a pharmacy provider of its choice.

For questions about the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program, please contact eocevent494@cdc.gov.

Long-term Care facilities in Texas who think they may want to request COVID-19 vaccine from the state (i.e. as a back-up plan to the federal Pharmacy Partnership, to access vaccine after the federal program ends, or if they miss the Pharmacy Partnership registration) are also encouraged to enroll through enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov.

All COVID-19 vaccine providers enrolling through the Texas Department of State Health Services must meet specific requirements detailed at: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx>.