

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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 vaccine](#) becomes 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](#).