Thursday, October 29, 2020

Greetings Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities of San Diego County,

Please find information below regarding the latest guidance and resources from county, state, and federal organizations, including **new updates**:

- All Facilities Letter (AFL) notifying all facilities of updates to CDPH's visitation guidance, permitting facilities with medium or low COVID-19 county positivity rate to allow one visitor per patient at a time **(AFL 20-38.5)**
- AFL notifying long-term care LTC facilities of the CMS and CDC guidance for improving their infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including guidance for visitation **(AFL 20-22.5)**
- Provider Information Notice (PIN) regarding temporary managers to assist facilities impacted by COVID-19 or other emergency **(PIN 20-40-ASC)**
- California Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) is partnering with the Mexican Consulate to host a series of COVID-19 **Facebook Live events for the Spanish speaking community**
- CCLD's **Fall 2020 Quarterly Update**
- CAHAN: CDPH Names **Drafting Guidelines Workgroup** to Advise State on COVID-19 Vaccines, including immunization, **geriatrics**, ethics, epidemiology, health equity, and pharmacy practice experts
- CDC document **"Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility"** that facilities can use to communicate actions taken to keep residents, families, and staff safe during the pandemic

- **Updated**: COVID-19 Vaccination Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program

As a reminder, if you have a positive COVID-19 case at your facility, please report it by calling the County Epidemiology Unit phone line at (619) 692-8499 or (858) 565-5255 for after-hours or on the weekend. The County as well as your State licensing departments are here to support you.

For additional information, please see our website www.coronavirus-sd.com/LTC. Please email us at moc.logs.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov if you need personal protective equipment.

Thank you for your continued efforts and partnership with the County of San Diego!

Announcements and News

California Department of Public Health

CDPH publishes news and All Facilities Letters (AFLs) regularly. If you would like to receive email notifications of AFLs, please submit your request to LNCPolicy@cdph.ca.gov.

NEW! Letter to All Facilities: AFL 20-38.5 – October 23, 2020

This AFL supersedes AFL 20-38.4 and updates the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH's) visitation guidance, permitting facilities with medium or low COVID-19 county positivity rate to allow one visitor per patient at a time. This AFL also provides visitor guidelines for certain individuals, regardless of the COVID-19 county positivity rate. Long-term care (LTC) facilities should refer to AFL 20-22.5 for updated LTC visitation guidance. Click here to read AFL 20-38.5

NEW! Letter to Long-Term Care Facilities: AFL 20-22.5 – October 23, 2020

This AFL notifies long-term care (LTC) facilities of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for improving their infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including guidance for visitation. Click here to read AFL 20-22.5

Click here to see a full list of recent AFLs

California Department of Social Services

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) publishes Provider

Information Notices (PINs) to communicate important license related information to CCLD-licensed providers. The local San Diego Adult and Senior Care Regional Office can be reached at (619) 767-2300 or CCLASCPSanDiegoRO@dss.ca.gov.

NEW! All Adult and Senior Care Program Licensees – October 27, 2020

PIN 20-40-ASC announces an upcoming informational call with Adult and Senior Care licensees on November 4, 2020, regarding Temporary Managers to assist facilities impacted by COVID-19 or other emergency. The informational call will include an opportunity to ask questions.

Please register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8953272315000197 24

Informational Call Regarding Temporary Managers

Wednesday, November 4, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

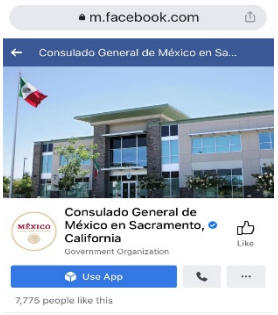
Call-In Number**: +1 (631) 992-3221**

Participant Passcode: **471-421-706**

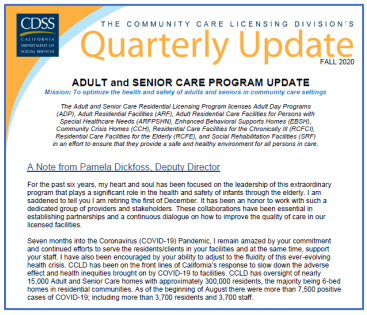
Note: Participants may begin calling in at 12:45 PM

Click here to read PIN 20-40-ASC

NEW! All CCLD Licensees – October 27, 2020



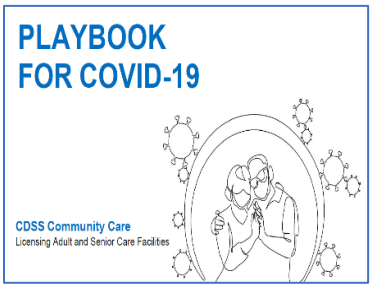
CCLD provides information regarding upcoming events for the Spanish speaking community **"Todo lo que necesitas saber sober COVID-19 – Resource for Spanish Speakers**." CCLD is partnering with the Mexican Consulate to host a series of COVID-19 **Facebook Live events** on **Tuesdays at 12:00 pm** (60 minutes each). The target audience are Latino and Farmworker Spanish speaking communities. Topics discussed include: COVID 101, worker's rights, contract tracing, testing, mental health, and disaster preparedness. Check facebook.com/consulmenxsac for more information.



NEW! All CCLD Licensees – October 28, 2020

The Community Care Licensing Division's **Fall 2020 Quarterly Update** is now available. Inside the issue: Deputy Director's Message, Practicing Self Care, Planned Activities and Maintaining Safety, Keeping the Brain Sharp, Physical Distancing and Social Isolation, Transporting Clients/Residents, Is Your RCFE Safe and Healthy?, Fire Safety, Required Self-Assessment for Providers

Vendorized with Regional Centers, Caregiver Background Check Bureau Guardian System Update, and Temporary Manager Candidate Information.
Click here for CCLD's Fall 2020 Quarterly Update.



The Playbook for COVID-19 provides guidance to Adult and Senior Care Program licensees, administrators and caregivers on COVID-19 safety precautions, including sanitation and disinfection, physical distancing, and other guidance to assist facilities in their response to COVID-19. An electronic copy is available by clicking this link: The Playbook for COVID-19

All Adult and Senior Care Program Residential Licensees – October 6, 2020

PIN 20-38-ASC provides updated guidance to Adult and Senior Care residential licensees on testing, infection control protocols, communal gatherings, statewide and county guidance and closures for residential facilities; and the statewide waiver related to visitation. Click here to read PIN 20-38-ASC

Click here to browse the full list of recent PINs

California Health Alert Network San Diego Updates

NEW! California Department of Public Health Names Drafting Guidelines Workgroup to Advise State on COVID-19 Vaccines – October 27, 2020

Building on Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement last week establishing a Scientific Safety Review Workgroup to advise the state on COVID-19 vaccines, Dr. Erica Pan, Acting State Public Health Officer, named a group of California immunization, **geriatrics**, ethics, epidemiology, health equity, and pharmacy practice experts to the state's **COVID-19 Drafting Guidelines Workgroup**.

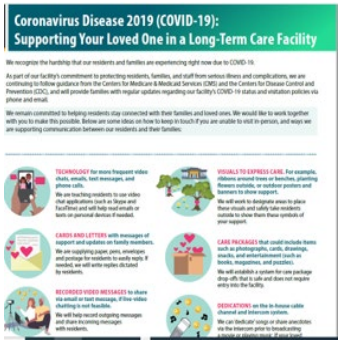
This Workgroup will develop California-specific guidance for the prioritization and allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine. The guidance will be based on several national frameworks from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. COVID-19 vaccine supplies are expected to be limited initially. Click here to read the entire News Release.

Health Advisory Update #19: Updated Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Test Result Reporting Guidance – October 16, 2020

Key Messages (please note facilities using CLIA-waived POC antigen testing kits must comply with this guidance):

- **All** laboratories testing California specimens for SARS-CoV-2 are required to report SARS-CoV-2 test results to the California Department of Public Health or the County of San Diego Public Health Services. **This requirement applies to entities that conduct Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-waived point-of-care (POC) tests for SARS-CoV-2**, including those operating at drive-through sites, physician offices, and pharmacies.
- Labs must ensure **all** SARS-CoV-2 test results (positive, negative, indeterminate, and specimen unsatisfactory) from molecular, antigen, and antibody/serology tests are reported within 8 hours from the time the laboratory notifies the health provider or other person authorized to receive the report.

Please click for here to read the **Health Advisory Update #19.**


Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):
Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility

Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility

NEW! Nursing homes and long-term care facilities can use this document to communicate actions the facility is taking to protect them and/or their loved ones, any visitor restrictions that are in place, and actions residents and families should take to protect themselves in the facility, emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene and source control.

Please see attached PDF titled, “CDC_supporting-loved-one-in-long-term-care-facility”.

Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Flu Vaccination Information

The influenza vaccine is now available at doctors’ offices and pharmacies throughout San Diego County and is covered by medical insurance. People who do not have healthcare coverage can get vaccinated at one of the County’s six Public Health Centers or a local community clinic. The

County is hosting **free flu shot events** from October 22nd to November 3rd. Click here to learn more.

For additional **Flu Season 2020-2021 information**, please see resources below:

Click here for the County of San Diego Immunization Program influenza webpage

Click here for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ways to protect your health this season and more:

COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Long-Term Care Facilities

Updated! The **CDC is partnering with CVS and Walgreens** to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities (free of charge to facilities) once vaccination is recommended for them. If interested in participating in the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program**, facilities should sign up (or opt out) starting October 19. **Sign up will remain open until November 6, 2020**. Sign up represents interest in participating and is non-binding. Facilities may change selection via email even after survey closes.

- Skilled Nursing Facilities sign up through NHSN survey: "Alert" in LTCF COVID-19 module.
- Assisted Living Facilities sign up through REDcap survey: through partner communications https://redcap.link/LTCF.

For more information, please contact eocevent494@cdc.gov and **please see attached PDFs** titled, "Program Overview-Pharmacy Partnership for LTC" and "FAQ-Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program"

AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Protect yourself and your loved ones by staying informed and aware of potential scammers. Check out the County of San Diego Aging & Independence Services' (AIS) scam prevention webpage to learn more, including the Federal Trade Commission's Coronavirus Advice for Consumers.

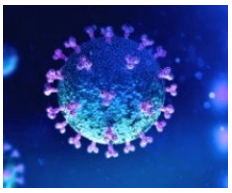
Be sure to bookmark the AIS COVID-19 Programs, Services, and Resources: Older Adults and Adults Living with Disabilities webpage that has numerous resources and videos to share information and tips for coping during COVID-19.

To sign up for the COVID-19 Older Adult and Disability Service Provider weekly email updates or learn about upcoming Older Adult and Disability Service Provider telebriefings, visit the Older Adults and Disability Service Providers Sector webpage.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Preservation Planning Toolkit

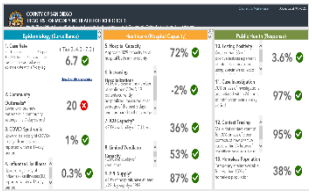
This toolkit was developed by the COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group and includes links to a guide and an Excel spreadsheet that can help users understand types of PPE preservation strategies and calculate how using those strategies can increase the duration of a specified PPE supply.

Additional highlights new resources, upcoming webinars, and other updates can be accessed on ASPR's Novel Coronavirus Resources Page and CDC's Coronavirus webpage.



COVID-19 Positive Recovery Stipend Program

The County of San Diego will provide a **stipend of $1,000**, in the form of a paper check, for employed individuals who are confirmed COVID-19 positive and **not otherwise eligible for paid time-off or State unemployment benefits.** This one-time stipend will provide assistance to those who should stay home during the required isolation period. For eligibility requirements, additional information, and email contact please click here.



REMINDER to check the County Triggers Dashboard for the Testing Positivity Rate

The frequency of routine testing of skilled nursing facility staff depends on the San Diego County Positivity Rate. Please click the link below to access the **COVID-19 Testing Positivity Rate.**
View the current Positivity Rate here (**Item #10: Testing Positivity**).

Questions about voting in the upcoming election? Check out the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters webpage at SDVOTE.COM or call 858-565-5800. Please note the Accessible Voting and Where's My Ballot links.

San Diego County Public Health Order

The latest updates to the local Public Health Order include additional key items such as a revision to item #2, private gatherings (effective October 10, 2020). Read the latest order.

COVID-19 Holiday Guidance

COVID-19 Considerations for the upcoming holiday season:

County of San Diego Halloween Guidance: To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and ensure children have a fun, safe Halloween, the County of San Diego offers guidance for the most common activities to protect you and your loved ones.

CDPH Guidance for Safer Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebrations: This guidance outlines safer alternatives to celebrate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CDC Guidance for Celebrating Holidays: The CDC provides considerations to help protect individuals, their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19 for the holidays.

Upcoming Telebriefings

Friday, November 13 at 4:00pm

Telebriefing for **Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities**.

WHEN: Friday, November 13, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Click here to learn more about the telebriefing, submit questions before each telebriefing, and visit the **Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities** sector support webpage.

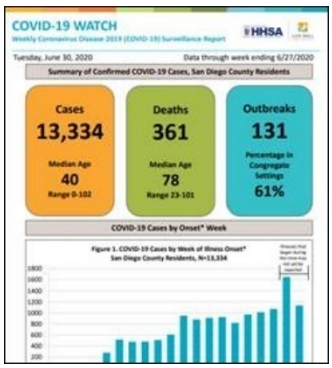
Friday, November 20 at 4:00pm

Telebriefing for **Older Adult and Disability Service Providers**

WHEN: Friday, November 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Click here to learn more about the telebriefing, submit questions before each telebriefing, and visit the **Older Adult and Disability Service Providers** sector support webpage.

Ongoing Programs, Services, and Resources



County of San Diego COVID-19 Dashboard and Weekly "COVID-19 Watch" Report

The County of San Diego publishes a weekly surveillance report on the coronavirus-sd.com website called "COVID-19 Watch".

Click here to review the report.

Visualize and track data real time on the interactive web-based dashboard developed by the County of San Diego Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch.

See the dashboard here.

San Diego County Emergency Site

Please see below for some resources to stay informed about and prepare for fires and other disasters in San Diego County:

- For fire, disaster information updates, and the County of San Diego Emergency Map, visit www.sdcountyemergency.com
- To prepare for, plan for, and stay informed on disasters in San Diego County, visit www.ReadySanDiego.org
- Download the **SDEmergencyApp,** a no-cost mobile application available to download for iOS and Android devices. To learn more, click here
- Register here with **AlertSanDiego** to get emergency notifications, like evacuation orders and warnings, on your cell phone during a disaster in your area. (Listed and unlisted landlines are already included in this system and do not need to be registered)

- COVID-19 in Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities

- Considerations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Nursing Homes
- Printable Algorithm for considerations for testing asymptomatic and symptomatic residents or HCP.
- Guidelines on Masks, How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask
- Guidelines for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities
- Guidelines for Direct Service Providers of Individuals with Disabilities
- Considerations When Preparing for COVID-19 in Assisted Living Facilities
- Considerations for Memory Care Units in Long-term Care Facilities

For general information about COVID-19 from the CDC, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

211 San Diego

For health or testing related questions, contact your healthcare provider. For general questions about COVID-19, information about community resources, or if you are uninsured, call **2-1-1 San Diego.**

Click here for free COVID-19 testing information.

General COVID-19 Information from Federal and State Organizations

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – COVID-19
- California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch – COVID-19
- California Department of Social Services – COVID 19

COVID-19 Downloadable Resources and Materials for Your Facility

Find FAQs, posters, videos, and other materials.

Recent Email Updates from the County of San Diego Long-Term Care and Residential Care Sector

- October 22, 2020 Update
- October 15, 2020 Update
- October 8, 2020 Update

Click here to browse all past email updates.

Stay Connected

For questions related to long-term care and residential care facilities, please email: COVID-LTC@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Get the latest information about what's happening across the county with COVID-19.

Text **COSD COVID-19** to **468-311**
to get text alert updates from the County of San Diego.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HHSA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility

We recognize the hardship that our residents and families are experiencing right now due to COVID-19.

As part of our facility's commitment to protecting residents, families, and staff from serious illness and complications, we are continuing to follow guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will provide families with regular updates regarding our facility's COVID-19 status and visitation policies via phone and email.

We remain committed to helping residents stay connected with their families and loved ones. We would like to work together with you to make this possible. Below are some ideas on how to keep in touch if you are unable to visit in-person, and ways we are supporting communication between our residents and their families:

TECHNOLOGY for more frequent video chats, emails, text messages, and phone calls.

We are teaching residents to use video chat applications (such as Skype and FaceTime) and will help read emails or texts on personal devices if needed.

CARDS AND LETTERS with messages of support and updates on family members.

We are supplying paper, pens, envelopes and postage for residents to easily reply. If needed, we will write replies dictated by residents.

RECORDED VIDEO MESSAGES to share via email or text message, if live-video chatting is not feasible.

We will help record outgoing messages and share incoming messages with residents.

"VISITS" through a glass window or a parade of cars.

We will make every effort to ensure residents are able to safely participate if scheduled in advance.

VISUALS TO EXPRESS CARE. For example, ribbons around trees or benches, planting flowers outside, or outdoor posters and banners to show support.

We will work to designate areas to place these visuals and safely take residents outside to show them these symbols of your support.

CARE PACKAGES that could include items such as photographs, cards, drawings, snacks, and entertainment (such as books, magazines, and puzzles).

We will establish a system for care package drop-offs that is safe and does not require entry into the facility.

DEDICATIONS on the in-house cable channel and intercom system.

We can 'dedicate' songs or share anecdotes via the intercom prior to broadcasting a movie or playing music. If your loved one has a favorite song, poem, movie or television show, please let us know.

We encourage you to share additional ideas and creative ways we can work together to support our residents.

Please contact us with questions or suggestions:

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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

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 recommended for them.

The **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements, to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, 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. LTCF staff who have not received COVID-19 vaccine can also be vaccinated as part of the program.

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 cold chain management for vaccine.
- Provide on-site administration of vaccine.
- Report required vaccination data (approximately 20 data fields) to the local, state/territorial, and federal jurisdictions 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. Sign up will remain open for two weeks.

- Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) will make their selection through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). An “alert” will be incorporated into the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module to guide users to the form.
- Assisted living facilities (ALFs) will make their selection via an online REDcap (https://redcap.link/ltcf)sign-up form.
- Facilities will indicate which pharmacy partner (one of two large retail pharmacies or existing LTC pharmacy) they prefer to have on site.
- Online sign-up information will be distributed through ALF and SNF partner communication channels (email, social media, web).
- Indicating interest in participating is non-binding and facilities may change their selection or opt in or out via email after the online survey closes.

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.

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Can our facility obtain COVID-19 vaccine through our usual pharmacy and administer it ourselves like we do for influenza vaccine?**
   Yes, however, most of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in late-stage testing have stricter cold chain requirements than seasonal influenza vaccine, including requirements for some vaccines to be frozen. Additionally, each vaccine has different mixing requirements for administration and minimal interval requirements for a second dose, if indicated. Reporting requirements for COVID-19 vaccines will also be stricter than those for seasonal influenza vaccine. Anyone who administers COVID-19 vaccine is required to enroll as a vaccination provider and report individual-level administration data to the appropriate state, territorial, local, or federal jurisdiction once the vaccine has been administered. For facilities opting into the pharmacy partnership program, the pharmacy partner would be responsible for procuring vaccine, cold chain management, administration to residents (and staff who have not yet been vaccinated), and fulfillment of all reporting requirements to public health authorities on behalf of the facility.

2. **How do I sign up for the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program for COVID-19 Vaccination?**
   Nursing homes can sign up via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN; https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/index.html) and assisted living facilities can sign up via an online survey (https://redcap.link/LTCF) starting October 19 and remaining open for two weeks.

3. **Why are facilities being asked to consider the LTC pharmacy partnership program for vaccination of LTCF residents?**
   CDC is partnering with pharmacies to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements, to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, while reducing burden on facilities and jurisdictional health departments.

4. **Can staff at my facility get vaccinated via this program?**
   It is possible that staff will be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine earlier than LTCF residents as part of a recommendation for vaccination for healthcare personnel, including those in LTCFs. Any staff member who was not already vaccinated could be vaccinated through these on-site clinics; however, we strongly encourage staff to be vaccinated as soon as they are eligible, which may occur through mobile clinics and clinics run by health departments for healthcare personnel.

5. **Our facility has their own pharmacy, are we required to participate in the LTC pharmacy partnership program for vaccine distribution?**
   No, you are not required to participate in this program. A facility can opt to have vaccine supply and management services coordinated by a pharmacy provider of their choice or opt in at a later time by emailing eocevent494@cdc.gov to sign up if after the online form has closed. If an LTCF opts out of the pharmacy partnership program, the LTCF and the pharmacy provider of their choice are responsible for coordination of and adherence to all vaccine supply chain, storage, handling, administration, and reporting requirements, including strict cold chain and public health reporting requirements.

6. **Can a combination of options be selected? For example, can we have some vaccination services be provided by our own pharmacy provider and some by the pharmacy partnership program.**
   Initially, a combination of options will not be possible. We are asking facilities to select a single option to facilitate efficient distribution of vaccine. We expect the pharmacy partnership services to continue on-site at the facility for approximately 2 months.

7. **How would new LTCF residents be vaccinated?**
   After the initial phase of vaccinations, the facility can choose to continue to work with the pharmacy that provided their initial on-site clinics for additional doses or can choose to work with a pharmacy provider of their choice. Depending on vaccine supply, facilities may want to work with local hospitals to ensure residents have received their first dose before being discharged. Similarly, facilities may ask new admissions from the community to get vaccinated before admission.

8. **What costs are we responsible for if we choose to participate in the pharmacy partnership program?**
   There will be no costs to the LTCF for participation in the pharmacy partnership program. It is anticipated that participating pharmacies will bill public and private insurance for the vaccine administration fees.

9. **If the facility chooses its own pharmacy provider, will that pharmacy provider receive a payment for administering the vaccine?**
   Yes, it is anticipated that pharmacy providers will bill public and private insurance for the vaccine administration fees.

10. **If the facility chooses its own pharmacy provider, what data will the facility or pharmacy have to report?**
    To administer COVID-19 vaccine, providers will need to sign a provider agreement, which requires reporting of specific data elements once vaccine has been administered. Required elements are: Administered at location: facility name/ID; administered at location: type; administration address (including county); administration date; CVX (Product); dose number; recipient ID*; vaccination event ID; lot Number: Unit of Use and/or Unit of Sale; MVX (Manufacturer); recipient address*; recipient date of birth*; recipient name*; recipient sex; sending organization; vaccine administering provider suffix; vaccine administering site (on the body); vaccine expiration date; vaccine route of administration; vaccination series complete.

11. **When is the deadline for choosing to participate in the LTC pharmacy partnership program?**
    It is anticipated that the survey will open on October 19, 2020 and remain open for two weeks. During that time, the facility can make a change to their choice of pharmacy provider (e.g., select to participate in the pharmacy partnership program, but later opt out). However, after the form closes, no changes can be made via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) or the online from and the facility will have to coordinate directly with the pharmacy provider selected to make any changes regarding vaccination supply and services.

12. **Our facility is not enrolled in NHSN. Do we have to enroll in NHSN to indicate our options for vaccine supply?**

A nursing home or skilled nursing facility must be enrolled in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module to be able to make a selection of COVID-19 vaccine pharmacy providers. Please follow the enrollment steps here: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/enroll.html. Assisted living facilities wishing to participate should visit https://redcap.link/LTCF.

13. **Who do we contact if we have problems with our vaccine supply?**
    For facilities that opt to participate in the pharmacy partnership program, please contact CVS or Walgreens directly if you encounter any issues. For facilities that opt out of the pharmacy partnership program, please contact the pharmacy provider of your choice or your jurisdiction's health department.

14. **Is Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mandating residents to be vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine?**
    Not at this time. Please refer to CMS directly for requirements around COVID-19 vaccine in LTCFs.

15. **Who should I reach out to if I have additional questions?**
    For questions specific to the pharmacy partnership program for LTCFs, please contact eocevent494@cdc.gov.