



CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE 2019

(COVID-19)

WEEKLY UPDATE

LONG-TERM CARE AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

Thursday, November 5, 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) informing Skilled Nursing Facilities of infection prevention recommendations and the incorporation into the Quality and Accountability Supplemental Payment Program (**AFL 20-84**)
- AFL notifying Skilled Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities of the interdisciplinary team authorized medical interventions for residents unable to provide informed consent and without a health care decision maker (**AFL 20-83**)
- AFL informing all health care facilities of the CDPH Influenza Vaccination and Masking Policy (**AFL 20-82**)
- Provider Information Notice (PIN) to all Residential Community Care Providers regarding updated estimated SSI/SSP payment standards effective January 1, 2021, for Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care - Licensed Facility or Without In-Kind Room and Board (**PIN 20-26-CCLD**)
- Notes from the California Department of Public Health conference call for Skilled Nursing Facilities to provide updates on COVID-19 (10-28-20)
- Updated **Public Health Order effective November 3, 2020**, that includes additional key items such as a revision to item #3, school-related updates

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 Skilled Nursing Facilities: AFL 20-84 – November 4, 2020

This AFL informs skilled nursing facilities about CDPH's infection prevention recommendations and the incorporation of infection prevention and COVID-19 mitigation requirements into the Quality and Accountability Supplemental Payment Program.

[Click here to read AFL 20-84](#)

NEW! Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs):

AFL 20-83 – October 30, 2020

This AFL notifies SNFs and ICFs of the appellate court's decision in *California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR), et al. v. Sonia Angell, Director of CDPH*, regarding the interdisciplinary team (IDT) process codified in HSC section 1418.8. The AFL provides guidance and clarification to facilities regarding the court's decision pertaining to the IDT process. [Click here to read AFL 20-83](#)

NEW! Letter to All Facilities: AFL 20-82 – October 30, 2020

This AFL informs health care facilities of the CDPH policy requiring all CDPH employees who enter health care facilities as a part of their work to comply with local requirements to minimize the spread of the influenza virus. [Click here to read AFL 20-82](#)

NEW! Notes from the California Department of Public Health conference call on infection prevention for skilled nursing facilities on 10-28-2020 to provide updates on COVID-19.

Please see attached PDF titled "AFC-SNF+IP+Call+Notes+10.28.20"

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 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 facilities should refer to AFL 20-22.5 for updated LTC visitation guidance.

[Click here to read AFL 20-38.5](#)

Letter to All Facilities: AFL 20-22.5 – October 23, 2020

This AFL notifies long-term care 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](#)



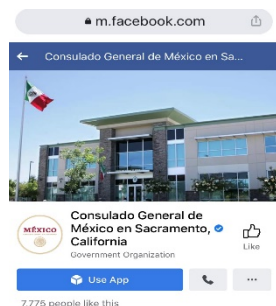
California Department of Social Services

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 Residential Community Care Providers – November 2, 2020

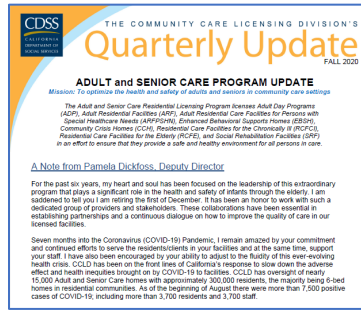
PIN 20-26-CCLD releases the updated estimated Social Security Income (SSI) and State Supplementary Payment (SSP) payment standards effective January 1, 2021 for Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care (NMOHC) - Licensed Facility or Without In-Kind Room and Board. [Click here to read PIN 20-26-CCLD](#)

All CCLD Licensees – October 27, 2020



CCLD provides information regarding upcoming events for the Spanish speaking community **“Todo lo que necesitas saber sobre 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.



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.](#)

[Click here to browse the full list of recent PINs](#)

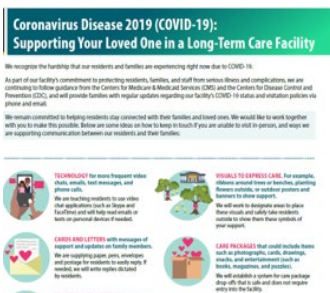


California Health Alert Network San Diego Updates

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.](#)



Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility

Nursing homes and long-term care facilities can 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 click here to access this document.](#)



Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Flu Vaccination Information

The influenza vaccine is available at doctors' offices and pharmacies throughout San Diego County and is covered by medical insurance. For **Flu Season 2020-2021 information**, please [Click here](#) for the County of San Diego Immunization Program influenza webpage and [Click here](#) for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ways to protect your health.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Long-Term Care Facilities

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, 8:59 PST.** 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/LTCE>.

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"

Category	Value	Status
Case Rate	6.7	72%
Testing Positivity Rate	3.6%	97%
Long-Term Care Case Rate	2.0	36%
Residential Care Case Rate	1%	53%
Healthcare Case Rate	0.3%	87%

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).



San Diego County Public Health Order

UPDATED! The latest updates to the local Public Health Order include additional key items such as a revision to item #3, school-related updates. (Effective November 3, 2020). [Read the latest order.](#)



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

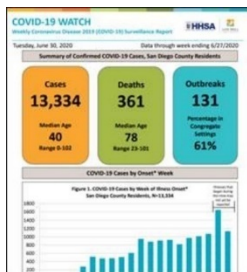
Telebriefing for Older Adult and Disability Service Providers

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.](#)



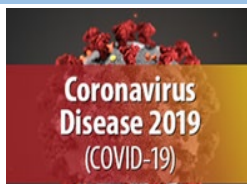
- [COVID-19 in Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [Considerations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Printable Algorithm](#) for considerations for testing asymptomatic and symptomatic residents or HCP.
- [Guidelines on Masks, How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your 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.



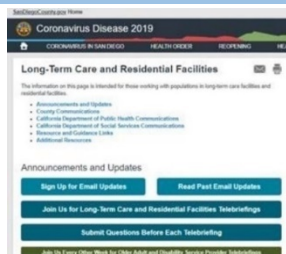
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For health or testing related questions, contact your healthcare provider. For general questions about COVID-19, information about community resources, or if you are uninsured, call **2-1-1 San Diego**. [Click here](#) for free COVID-19 testing information.



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](#)



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

- [October 29, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 22, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 15, 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.





**California Department of Public Health
Center for Health Care Quality
AFC Skilled Nursing Facilities Infection Prevention Calls
October 28 - 29, 2020**

Questions & Answers:

Q: Are indoor visits allowed in the yellow zone? What if you do not have private rooms in the yellow zone? Do we need to take the resident out of the room to a communal area?

A: Indoor visits are NOT allowed for residents in the yellow zone. We definitely encourage facilities to experiment with creative solutions to allowing visits with these specific residents. We also encourage facilities to engage their medical director and local public health to develop the safest approaches.

Q: How often is the blueprint updated? How often should facilities check this to ensure we can have visitation?

A: This was most recently updated on October 27, 2020. We believe this is updated weekly, since some counties numbers are fluctuating from week to week. We encourage facilities to check the blueprint to check on a weekly basis to be made aware of any recent changes or updates.

Q: Is a family member allowed to come every day to visit their bed ridden family member in the green zone to help feed meals (3 meals/day) in order to restore his nutrition status? What if the resident is in the yellow or red zone?

A: At this time, red and yellow zone visitation would not be allowed. That being said, there is a strong need for caretaker roles being present in these specific areas. We are working to revise current guidance to encourage more indoor visitation for green and yellow zones. Based on the current guidance under compassionate care, the most recent AFL provides explicit information in scenarios like this.

Q: Will CDPH support us revoking visitation rights for family members who refuse to follow the rules?

A: The facility must ensure safe spaces and must enforce safety precautions. It is not up to CDPH to revoke visitation rights to individuals.

Q: Per previous CDPH call, we were advised that if resident shows up with both symptoms of COVID-19 and Influenza-like Illness (ILI), the resident should stay in a private room, be tested for both COVID and flu first and not automatically transfer to the yellow cohort. Our mitigation plan says that if they have symptoms of COVID (PUI), that they need to be transferred to yellow cohort and even if they test negative for COVID, they should still isolate in the yellow cohort and be “presumed” to HAVE COVID until criteria for discontinuation of precautions are met. Should we revise our mitigation plan?

A: Especially with the upcoming influenza season, it is important to clarify your tests for both COVID and influenza to best address source control. We need to make efforts to not move residents across COVID cohorts. Our COVID mitigation plans are living documents and should be revised in order to prepare for the different seasons and phases.

Q: Staff Cohorts: Is it the expectation and recommendation of CDPH that staff working in the yellow zone should have a separate entrance and exit from the staff working in the green zone? Or can all staff enter at one entrance as long as they go their separate ways and do not cross the zone delineations?

A: The recommendation for different entrances, exits, and breakrooms, is more for your staff focused on COVID-19 positive residents or red zones. We recognize that these separations are not always feasible for all facilities and encourage facilities to engage their local public health and medical director.

Q: Can we admit a resident today into the yellow zone and then admit another one into that same room 4 or more days later? Would the 14-day count RESTART for resident #1

A: In this scenario, the 14-day count would not restart unless the roommate was determined to have tested positive. New admissions are recommended to have private rooms during observation; however, we understand that this is not always feasible in all facilities. In these scenarios, having multi-occupancy is allowed as long as the residents are separated by barriers. Make sure to consult with your local public health for further guidance.

Q: Since we are now also required to use eye protection for green zone patients, can staff just keep the eye protection on at all times while in the unit and remove at the end of their shift without sanitizing after exiting each patient room?

A: Essentially all guidance comes from CDC to empirically use eye protection, in particular in areas where there's a high rate of spread to protect HCP and residents. This also strongly applies to facilities experiencing widespread transmission and outbreaks. This scenario is okay, as long as staff are practicing good hand hygiene.

Q: AFL 20-22.5 requires staff to wear face shields when interacting with residents. Is it possible to apply for a program flex for this requirement? We are giving it our best efforts, however as a dementia unit, we are finding our residents are frightened and more confused as they can't see the staff faces well.

A: We understand the challenges associated with these requirements. It is reasonable to do the best you can with experiencing with different ways of implementing eye protection.

Q: Do you know if a program will be set up for other providers to sign up via the vaccine program? For example, diagnostic radiology and laboratories?

A: The question is asking about COVID-19 vaccine program. The information we can provide is that there are active planning efforts at the state and local levels regarding the roll out of vaccination programs

Q: How do you handle flu vaccination for a facility that just recently came off from COVID outbreak? Some family are hesitant about consenting to flu vaccine. Are there any guidelines that would further explain to family the importance of getting the flu vaccine now more than ever?

A: It is important now more than ever to get flu vaccine. In CDC guidance, there is very good information about the ability to immunize individuals who may be recovering from COVID-19 or have potentially been exposed. In SNF setting in this situation, it does not mean you cannot move forward with flu vaccines. In terms of talking points for families, we will link in the minutes some talking points from a campaign called "Don't wait, vaccinate" and the importance of flu vaccination during this season.

Q: In AFL 20-80 in the attachment "Influenza in California Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) during the COVID-19 Pandemic" on page 22 it speaks of using an antiviral for 14 days on all residents in the event of a positive influenza case in the SNF and to continue it for 7 days after the last positive case. Our MD asked if a resident test positive on day 8 of the first treatment, do we add 7 days on from there or 7 days from the end of the 14 days for a total of 21 days?

A: This scenario described is complex. We will discuss some general guidance regarding treatment. The dosing for antiviral and prophylaxis is different. The treatments will be determined by the different types of

tests taken. This is a situation where consulting with your local public health and CDPH would be encouraged.

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) (<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.

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

- 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 form 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?**

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

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.