

COVID-19 Vaccine Program for Long-Term Care Residents

Oregonians who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines may be served through a federal, state or local program, as well as through healthcare providers and pharmacies. Here is an overview of how most of Oregon's long-term care facility residents and staff are being served.

- **Federal program**

The CDC is leading a national program that is serving roughly 1,200 long-term care facilities across Oregon. Called the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, it is the main way that residents and staff at these facilities are getting COVID vaccines.

Progress reports: See the most recent comprehensive progress report on vaccine implementation for congregate care in Oregon.

- [Long-Term Care Covid-19 Vaccine Implementation and Congregate Care Progress Report 03-09-21](#)

Recent vaccine-related policy updates include:

- 4/2/21: [COVID-19 Vaccination Maintenance Planning Resources](#)
 - [Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Vaccine Maintenance Planning Website Resource Guide](#)
- 4/2/2021: [Survey Link Resources LTC COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- 3/26/2021: [Update on COVID-19 policy guidance](#)
- 3/16/2021: [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Tracking and Reporting to Oregon Health Authority](#)
- 2/2/2021: [COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Information COVID-19](#)
- 1/29/2021: [COVID-19 Vaccine Plan Progress Report and Support Resources](#)
- 1/8/2021: [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Update](#)
- 12/23/20: [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#)

- **Pharmacies serving Oregon**

The three participating pharmacies in Oregon are Walgreens, CVS and Consonus.

- **Participating facilities**

Most long-term care facilities included in the program receive oversight from either the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) or Oregon Health Authority (OHA). These facilities include:

- Nursing facilities
- Assisted living and residential care facilities
- Adult foster homes for older adults and people with disabilities
- Behavioral health facilities
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly
- Adult group homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- State-run Veteran's homes

- **How vaccines will be given**

If you live or work in a long-term care site that is part of the federal pharmacy partnership, you can get your vaccine through one of three scheduled onsite clinics planned for each enrolled facility.

The CDC didn't partner with every long-term care facility in Oregon. The state is working to make sure Oregonians who live or work in a long-term care setting that is not part of the federal program can get vaccinated against COVID another way.

- **Support for facilities not enrolled in the program**

The ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and its Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are working with Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), to connect facilities not enrolled in the federal program to a vaccine opportunity. The goal is to make sure every eligible Oregonian who wants a COVID vaccination can get both doses.

- **Resources to learn more**

- For more information on the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>
- For more information on pharmacy partners:
✓ CVS/Omnicare: www.omnicare.com/covid-19-vaccine-resource

- ✓ Walgreens: www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/long-term-care-facilitycovid-vaccine.jsp#faq
- ✓ Consonus: www.consonushealth.com/covid-19-pharmacy-updates/

- For more information on key policy updates for facilities and homes licensed by the ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities that are participating in the CDC program visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/providers-partners/licensing/pages/admin-alerts.aspx>

- **Frequently asked questions**

Q: Are all residents mandated to receive the vaccine? And, how is my health care provider involved in this decision?

A: OHA does not plan to mandate receipt of the COVID-19 vaccination. We strongly recommend vaccination for the safety and health of the entire community. While written consent is not required by federal Law for COVID-19 vaccination in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has asked the three pharmacies participating in the federal Pharmacy Partnership program (Consonus, CVS, Walgreens) to develop and use consent forms and require written consent from recipients before vaccination. Facilities may obtain verbal consent and document it on behalf of residents if needed.

Q: Do I get to choose which vaccine I receive?

A: No. Oregon has prioritized the Pfizer vaccine for the federal pharmacy partnership program. At this time CVS, Walgreens and Consonus will be holding clinics at facilities where they provide only the Pfizer vaccine. As vaccine supply varies in the coming months Moderna, or other vaccine products, may be allocated to this program.

Q: If I have already had COVID-19, do I still need to get the vaccine?

A: Yes. COVID-19 vaccination should be offered to persons regardless of a history of COVID-19 infection, with or without symptoms.

Q: I have more health questions about the vaccine, where do I go for more information?

A: The Oregon Health Authority [COVID-19 vaccine website](#) is a good place to start to get additional information.