

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

Date: October 22, 2020
To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **COVID-19 Pharmacy Partnership Program**

TO: All Nursing Home Facilities
All Residential Care Facilities
All Assisted Living Facilities
All Adult Foster Homes

October 22, 2020

On October 21, 2020 the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) issued a [press release](#) announcing the opportunity for long-term care providers to sign up to participate in a program for no-cost COVID-19 vaccinations for staff and employees as it becomes available. This program is being offered as the result of a partnership between CVS, Walgreens, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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
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APD means Aging and People with Disabilities. APD adult foster homes are licensed to care for adults who are older and adults with physical disabilities.

testing requirements for LTCF staff.

The deadline for signing up to participate in this program is **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 8:59pm Pacific Standard Time**. Even though a vaccine is not yet ready, ODHS encourages providers to sign-up for the program with the understanding that facility needs may change in the future. If a facility chooses to not participate, an alternative plan for vaccination access needs to be detailed. An example of an alternative plan could be working with the local pharmacy on vaccine orders and distribution.

Nursing facilities can sign up for the on-site clinics at the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) [website](#) provided they are already enrolled users. If your facility is not yet enrolled with NHSN please click here: [LTCF COVID-19 Module Enrollment](#)

Assisted Living and Residential Care Facilities and Adult Foster Home Licensees can sign up using this online form: [Retail Pharmacy Partnership Program](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate team using the following email addresses:

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Any questions or concerns specific to COVID-19 can be directed to:
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