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To: All Nursing Facilities
All Assisted Living Facilities
All Residential Care Facilities



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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan Progress Report and Support Resources

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) continues to work with multiple collaborators to connect all long-term care facilities in the state to COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

This Provider Alert will provide the following:

- 1) Progress update for the [Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program](#);
- 2) Clarify inclusion guidelines for independent living;
- 3) Purpose of third clinics; and
- 4) Provide resources and information for facilities not enrolled.

Progress Update

The state's 130 nursing facilities completed first-dose clinics as by mid-January and second-dose clinics are underway.

Assisted living and residential care facilities, including those with memory care endorsements, that are enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program are expected to have their first-dose clinic scheduled by February 1. Second-dose on-site vaccine clinic are currently being *scheduled*.

Licensed facilities are asked to support information sharing so that as many residents, staff and associated staff who want a COVID-19 vaccine can receive one. This includes sharing information about upcoming clinics.

To ensure a smooth roll-out, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the state's Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) ask that facilities assigned to the Federal Pharmacy Partnership remain in the program. This will ensure resources are maximized and remaining vaccine administration gaps are covered.

Clarify guidance on independent living

Some independent living facilities and retirement living buildings connected to a campus with a licensed nursing, assisted living or residential care facility have been included in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership when vaccine supplies were available. The Federal Pharmacy Partnership must approve these requests and are dependent upon available allocations of vaccine that they have through the partnership.

If these facilities cannot be accommodated during a scheduled on-site clinic with Consonus, CVS or Walgreens, OHA and LPHAs will continue to develop plans for vaccine clinics to serve residents and staff of these facilities.

Clarification on purpose of third clinics

Third clinics in this time-limited program are intended to complete final doses for those individuals that received a first dose in the second clinic. *Please note that no first doses will be provided at third clinic dates.*

Resources and information for facilities not enrolled

Long term-care facilities that are not enrolled in the program, or who haven't been assigned to a pharmacy partner for a clinic, will be contacted directly by ODHS staff to facilitate access to a vaccine clinic. These clinics are being organized by LPHAs and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).

If a nursing, assisted living or residential care facility enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership does not have a scheduled vaccine clinic by February 15, please contact Gene Sundet at Genevieve.M.SUNDET@dhsosha.state.or.us

Other resources:

- OHA information about COVID-19 vaccines: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>
- [OHA COVID-19 Vaccine Provider toolkit](#)
- Information about the [Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program](#)

- All COVID-19 vaccine-related questions may be addressed to covid19.vaccine@dhsosha.state.or.us

Enrolled facilities with scheduling questions should reach out to their assigned pharmacy partner:

- **CVS/Omnicare:** CovidVaccineClinicsLTCF@CVSHealth.com
- **Walgreens:** immunizeLTC@walgreens.com
- **Consonus Healthcare:** [www.consonushealth.com /contact-us/](http://www.consonushealth.com/contact-us/)

Pharmacy partners have also made information available online at the following links:

- **CVS/Omnicare:** www.omnicare.com/covid-19-vaccine-resource
- **Walgreens:** www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/long-term-care-facility-covid-vaccine.jsp#faq
- **Consonus:** www.consonushealth.com/covid-19-pharmacy-updates/