

Long Term Care Facilities: Transition from Clinic to Vaccinations for New Residents

By mid-April most, if not all, Washington State long term care facilities will have completed all scheduled clinics for COVID-19 vaccinations. Long term care facilities will now need to transition to ensure new residents and staff can get the vaccine. Facilities can focus on planning for vaccinating residents since staff can more easily find a vaccine in their area through [Vaccine Locator](#).

Planning Options:

PHARMACIES

Many long term care facilities already get medications through pharmacies. Many of those same pharmacies are enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers. If you already work with an enrolled pharmacy, you can use your existing relationship and work directly with them to coordinate vaccine planning. This will help you make sure you get the number of vaccines you need based on admissions and new staff.

You can work with the pharmacy to set up vaccine appointments for new residents. Some pharmacies may offer onsite vaccination services. They may also send the vaccine to your site for your staff to administer. Direct coordination between the facility and long term care pharmacy for this program will be essential to ensure planning for either vaccinations by the pharmacy or access to vaccine for onsite vaccinations by qualified staff.

A list of pharmacies can be found on the [Washington State Pharmacy Association](#) website.

ON-SITE VACCINATIONS FOR SUPPORTIVE LIVING AGENCIES AND ADULT FAMILY HOMES

To coordinate onsite vaccinations, Supportive Living Agencies and Adult Family Homes can:

1. Ask a home health agency to help with vaccinations or coordinate with a pharmacy. Some home health agencies have registered as COVID vaccine providers. Other home health agencies are able to help support onsite vaccinations by coordinating with a pharmacy or other organization who is enrolled as a COVID vaccine provider.
2. Take mobile/ambulatory residents to a local pharmacy
3. Coordinate with a pharmacy through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Nurse Delegator
 - a. You may already have a relationship and receive support from a nurse delegator.

- b. If not, a mobile team may be available until overall vaccination rates increase and/or the hospital admission program supports vaccination prior to discharge. You can [submit a request through this survey](#) to coordinate with your local health jurisdiction or the Department of Health.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for New Long Term Care Facility Providers](#) (PDF)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Transportation Guidance](#) (PDF)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Long Term Care Vaccinations](#) (PDF)
- [Prevaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (PDF), [Spanish](#) (PDF)
- [List of Washington registered long term care pharmacies](#)
- List of federal pharmacies providing vaccine support provided to long term care member associations on 03/14/2021
- Webinar planned in collaboration with long term care member associations and WSPA for week of 03/29/2021

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