

# CA COVID-19 Vaccination Planning

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19Vaccine.aspx>

The screenshot shows the California Department of Public Health website. At the top left is the logo with the text "California Department of Public Health". To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and four navigation tabs: "I am looking for", "I am a", "Programs", and "A-Z Index". Below the search bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home | Programs | Center for Infectious Diseases | Division of Communicable Disease Control | Vaccine Planning". A blue banner at the top of the main content area reads "COVID-19". On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: "CDPH COVID-19 Home", "Blueprint for a Safer Economy", "Guidance Documents", "Vaccine Planning" (highlighted with a blue bar), "County Tier Adjudication Request", "Communications Toolkits", "Data at the County-Level", "Contact Tracing", "Multilingual Documents", "School Waiver Consultations", "Data on Racial Demographics", "Data and Case Statistics for Hospitals", "Skilled Nursing Facilities", and "Find a COVID-19 Testing Site". The main content area features the heading "COVID-19 Vaccination Planning". The text below reads: "From the start of the pandemic, data and science have guided California's response to COVID-19. That will continue to be true when it comes to a possible vaccine. While there is no proven vaccine yet, California is putting everything in place to distribute and administer vaccine doses as quickly as possible, but only after vaccine safety has been reviewed and approved by a panel of top health experts." This is followed by "California's planning process for the eventual distribution and administration of COVID-19 is guided by the following overarching principles:" and a bulleted list: "Ensuring the COVID-19 vaccine meets safety requirements", "Ensuring the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably, at first to those with the highest risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19", and "Ensuring transparency by bringing in community stakeholders from the outset". Below this is a "Learn More" section with two links: "Summary of California's efforts to plan for a COVID-19 vaccine" and "Report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) PDF".

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### COVID-19 Vaccination Planning

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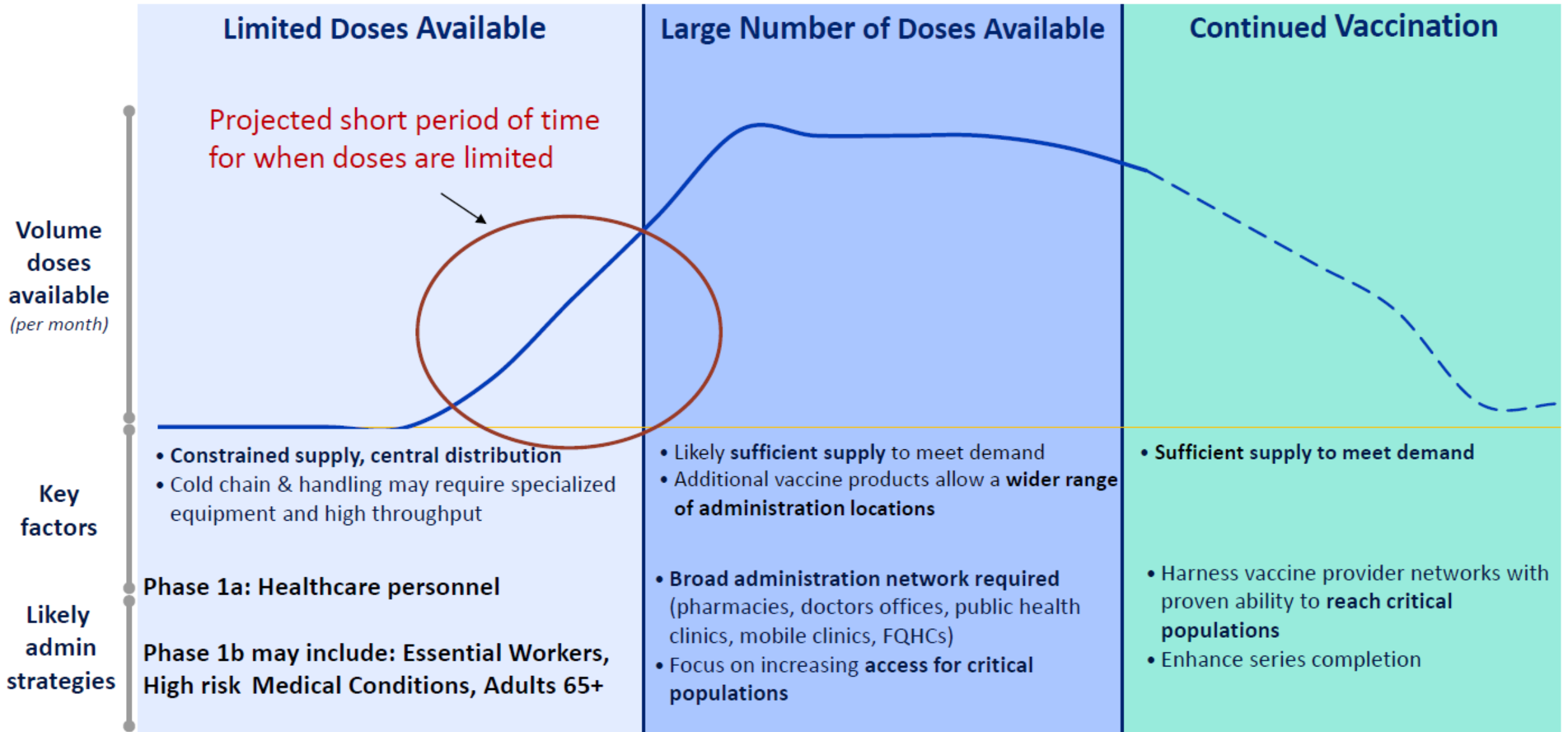
- Ensuring the COVID-19 vaccine meets safety requirements
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#### Learn More

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# Administration of COVID-19 vaccine will require a phased approach



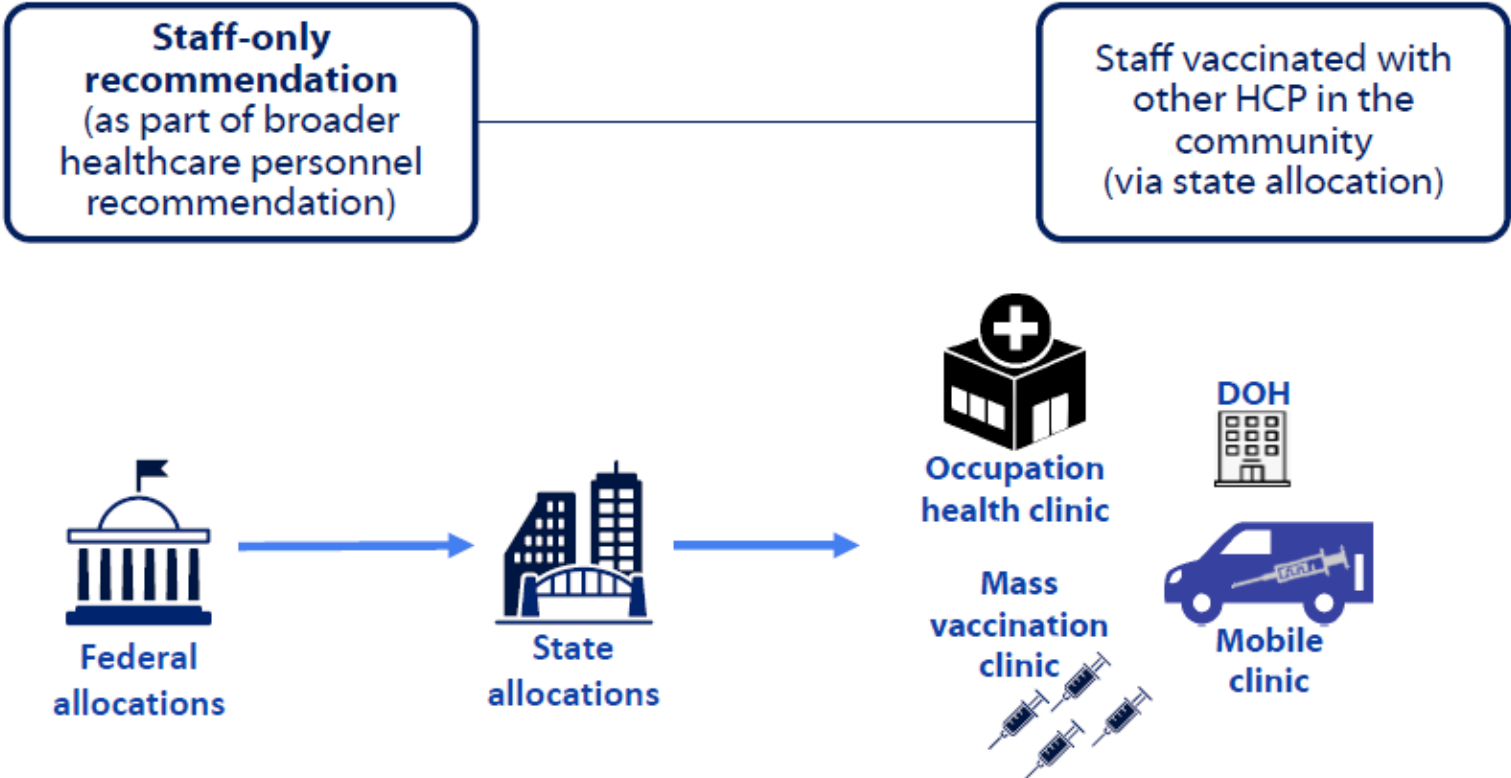
# Allocation frameworks

- **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) final recommendations are pending**
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine framework
  - Phase 1a:
    - High risk health workers
    - First responders
  - Phase 1b:
    - People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at *significantly* higher risk
    - *Older adults* living in congregate or overcrowded settings

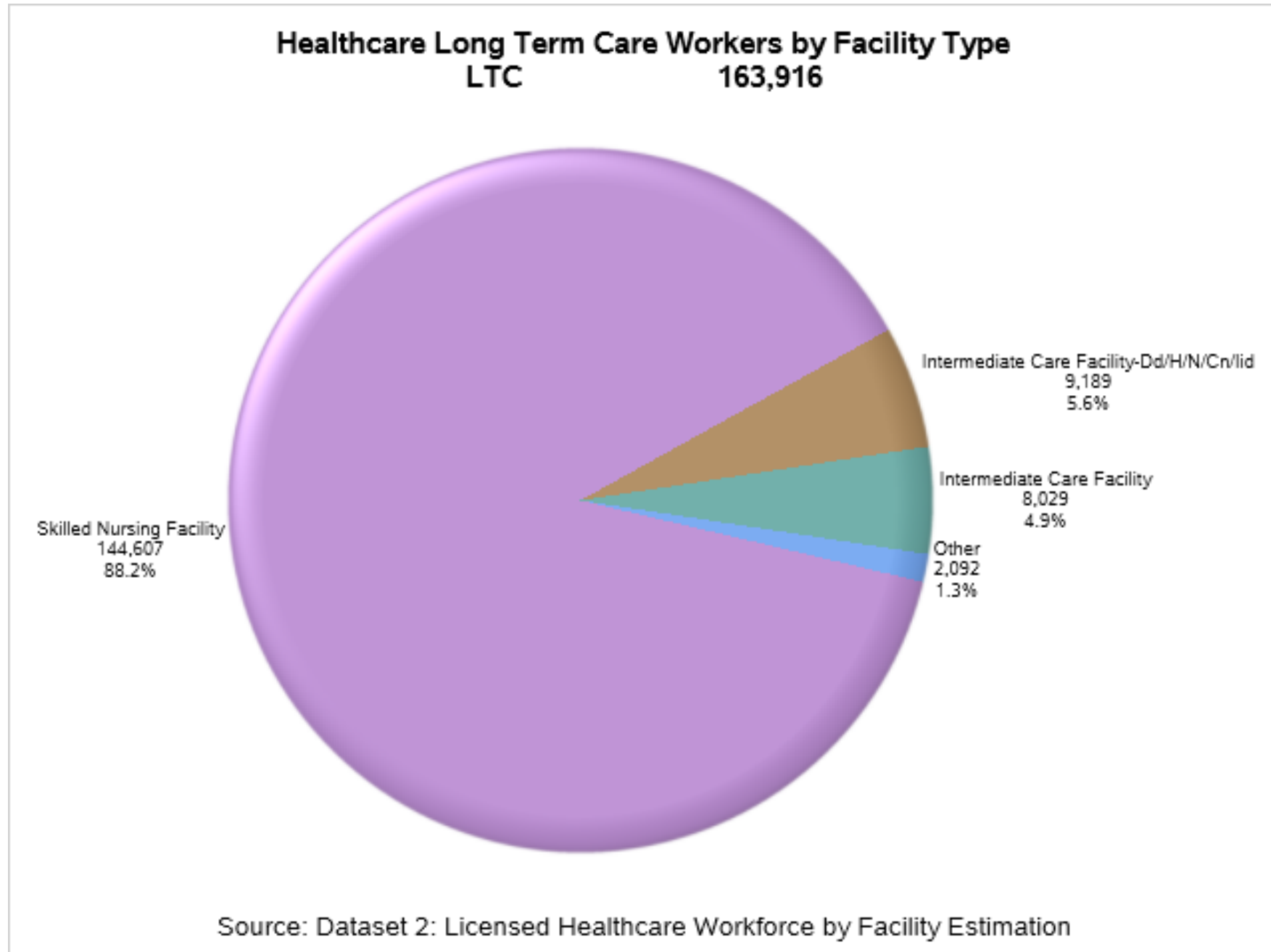
# Phase 1a: STAFF in LTCFs and ALFs



## Federal Planning: Staff-Only Phase (As Part Of Broader HCP Recommendation)

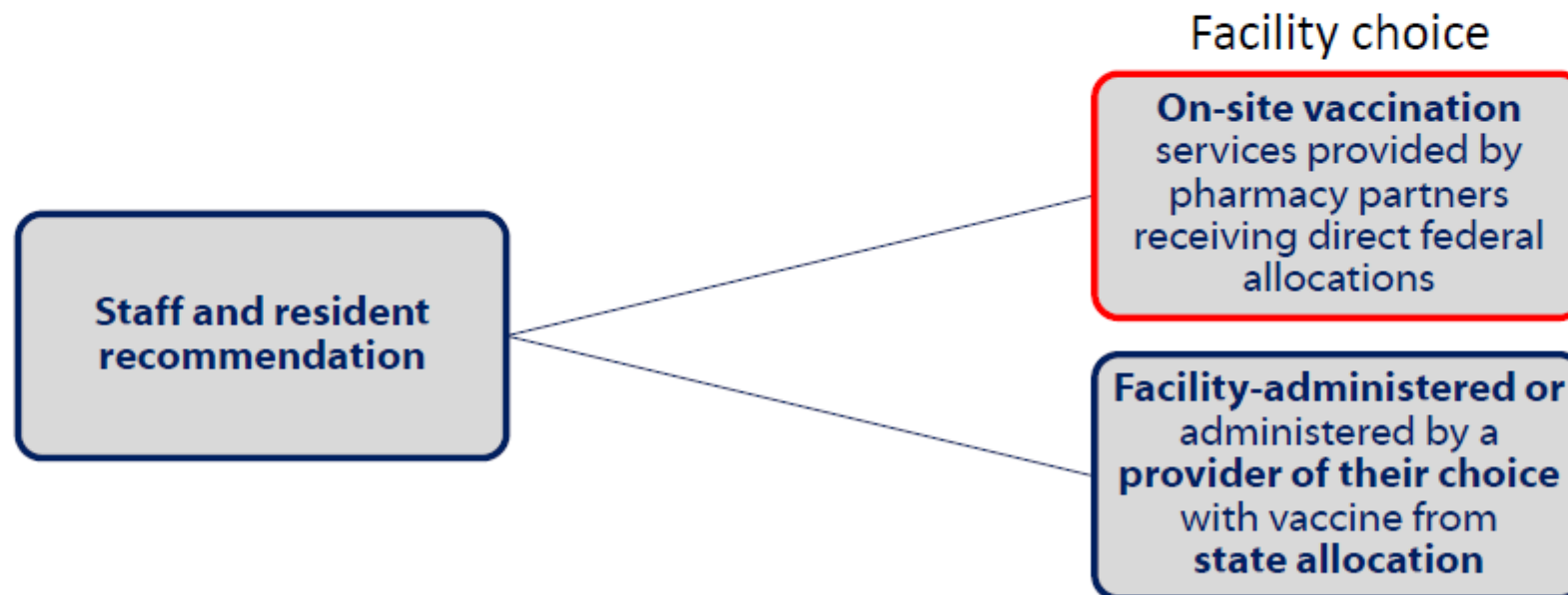


# CA workforce



# Phase 1b: RESIDENTS and staff (catch-up)

## Federal Planning: Staff and Resident Phase



# CDC-Pharmacy Partnership Program: COVID-19 Vaccine for LTCF Residents

## **1) CVS, 2) Walgreens, and 3) existing LTC pharmacy**

- Pharmacies to provide on-site COVID-19 vaccination for residents (Phase 1b) and any staff not previously vaccinated (in Phase 1a through state/LHD PODS).
  - Free of charge to facilities
  - Pharmacies handle end-to-end vaccination process:
    - Cold chain management; also order vaccines and associated supplies
    - On-site vaccination of residents and staff: coordinate directly with facilities; likely 3 visits over 2 months
    - Adherence to CMS COVID-19 facility testing requirements
    - Reporting to local, state/territorial, and federal jurisdictions within 24 hours of administering each dose

# Survey questions

- Facility info: state, name, address, point of contact
- # of certified beds and # of total staff: full-time, part-time, ancillary, and contract
- Which retail pharmacy your facility prefers?
  - CVS
  - Walgreens
  - Existing pharmacy partner, if possible
    - > If not possible, then select back-up preference of CVS or Walgreens
  - Opt-out of CDC-pharmacy plan and plan for COVID vaccine another way.
    - > Follow-up question 'How does your facility plan to vaccinate residents?'
      - Work with large health/hospital system to receive COVID-19 vaccine and provide vaccination
      - Work with state health department to receive vaccine and our staff will administer it
      - Work with state health department to receive vaccine and work with a pharmacy independently
      - Do not know yet
      - Other



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

- Facility sign-up started **OCTOBER 19**, Monday and ends **OCTOBER 30**, Friday
  - **SNFs sign-up through NHSN survey:** “alert” in LTCF COVID-19 module
  - ALFs and facilities not enrolled in NHSN sign-up through REDcap survey:  
<https://redcap.link/LTCF>
- Sign-up represents interest and is non-binding.
- Facilities may change selection after survey closes and coordinate further by email with pharmacies and state.
- For questions, contact CDC [eocevent494@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent494@cdc.gov)