

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Update

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CDC-LTCF Pharmacy Partnership

- Program officially ended March 31st. Both CVS/Walgreens are concluding final clinics through mid-April.
- As of 4/5/21:
- **906,649 total doses** administered
 - 494,631 first doses
 - 412,018 second doses
 - 452,236 resident doses
 - 454,413 staff doses

LTC Pharmacies and CDC Federal Retail Pharmacy Program (FRPP)

- CDC allocates vaccine directly to retail and long-term care (LTC) pharmacies enrolled in the FRPP
- CDC has enrolled three LTC-specific pharmacy groups, **MHA**, **Innovatix-PharMerica**, and **GeriMed**. **Omnicare** is expected to join mid-April 2021.
 - Each pharmacy group allocates doses to their member pharmacies to serve LTC facilities.
- There are several other retail pharmacy partners enrolled in the program who also can provide vaccination services in LTC facilities (Cardinal, CPESN, Good Neighbor).
- Not every LTC pharmacy in California is enrolled in the FRPP. LTC pharmacies that are not enrolled in the FRPP may enroll as vaccine providers by joining the Blue Shield network.

How do LTC pharmacies work?

- LTC pharmacies are focused on serving LTC facilities. Some retail pharmacies offer both retail and LTC services.
- Types of vaccination services offered:
 - Vaccine delivery but facility staff administers vaccines
 - Pharmacy sends vaccinators to facility to administer vaccines
 - Services vary by pharmacy

How do I work with a LTC pharmacy?

- Contact your contracted LTC pharmacy to inquire if they have COVID-19 vaccine doses available.
- If your LTC pharmacy does not have doses available, you may reach out to a LTC pharmacy partner enrolled in the FRPP to inquire if they are willing to service your facility. Link to LTC pharmacies with contact information: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/participating-ltc-pharmacy-list.pdf>

What type of vaccine is available via LTC pharmacies?

- All three vaccines are available to pharmacies via the FRPP. However, an individual LTC pharmacy may only be receiving one specific product.
- The CDC has indicated no preference for a specific vaccine product for LTC/SNF patient populations.

What are other resources for vaccinating LTC residents and staff?

- LTC residents and staff who can travel should seek vaccine at any available vaccine provider, including healthcare providers (Sutter, Kaiser, etc.) and retail pharmacies
- Retail pharmacies now have doses more widely available. [List of the pharmacy scheduling links.](#)
- If a facility would like to enroll as a vaccine provider, they would need contact covidvaccinenetwork@blueshieldca.com in order to complete all the onboarding into myCAvax to receive doses.
- Contact your Local Health Department for additional assistance