



Dear Long-Term Care Provider,

On Friday, October 16, 2020, the White House announced the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program—a national vaccine distribution program for long-term care residents.

The COVID-19 vaccine will likely become available in phases over the coming months. To prepare, the federal government has partnered with **CVS and Walgreens** to distribute and administer the vaccine to residents in long-term care facilities. This program is free of charge and covers all of the reporting requirements associated with the vaccine. Vaccination for health care workers will be handled by states, and likely take place in early phases of distribution.

Starting Monday, October 19, 2020, long-term care facilities (nursing homes, assisted living communities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) and other congregate settings for older adults) will have two weeks to register with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on how to receive and administer the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. Nursing homes will be able to register through the [National Healthcare Safety Network \(NHSN\) website](#), while assisted living communities and other congregate settings can register through an [online survey](#).

The CDC is offering an [overview](#) and [FAQs](#) to help further explain the program. [This message was also sent through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Health Facilities Portal and can be accessed here anytime.](#)

Thank you,

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