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# COVID-19 Vaccination and Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Information for Long-Term Care Providers

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From the onset of the pandemic, Governor Ron DeSantis has led efforts to support Floridians in responding to the challenges resulting from COVID-19. Not only did he prioritize vaccines for our most vulnerable citizens by putting *Seniors First*, but the Governor also made monoclonal antibody treatments available to all Floridians through state-supported treatment sites and strike teams.

## Monoclonal Antibody Treatments

By providing access to vaccinations and MAB treatments, the state of Florida has worked to alleviate demand on hospital resources and further ensure that Floridians have access to all potential therapies to help them recover from COVID-19. Information on MAB treatments, such as who can receive these treatments, how to register for the treatments, and where the treatment sites are located, can be found at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov/treatment](https://FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov/treatment). Long-Term Care facilities should work with your contracted pharmacies to order MAB.

## Vaccine Booster Shots

On September 22, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to allow for a single booster dose, to be administered at least six months after the completion of the primary series in:

- individuals 65 years of age and older;
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19; and
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19.

### **Vaccine Third Doses**

On August 12, 2021, the FDA amended the Emergency Use Authorizations for both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to allow for the use of the third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals, specifically, solid organ transplant recipients or those who are diagnosed with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise. You can read the FDA news release regarding the update [here](#).

### **Ensuring LTC Access to Vaccine Boosters, Third Doses and Monoclonal Antibody Treatments**

The Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration want to ensure that all long-term care residents and staff who are eligible for and wish to receive the 3rd dose of the vaccine or monoclonal antibody treatment can do so. Please take a few moments to complete the quick survey below so we can determine the vaccination opportunities available for our long-term care providers. Click [here](#) for the survey.

All long-term care providers should work with your contracted pharmacy, who will request the necessary allocation through the Florida SHOTS system. Any long-term care provider who is unable to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine for your residents and staff can work with the retail pharmacy partners who assisted with the initial distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Click [here](#) to view information about these resources.

Again, please be sure to work with your contracted pharmacy if you have vaccine needs. If your pharmacy has questions about submitting vaccine allocations in Florida SHOTS, they may contact the VFC Program via email at [FloridaVFC@FLHealth.gov](mailto:FloridaVFC@FLHealth.gov) or call [1-877- 888-7468](tel:1-877-888-7468), Option 1.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine & Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Resources**

You may view the Department of Health's data and informational updates, as well as the latest vaccine updates at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19).

To support Governor DeSantis' initiative for MAB treatment, a standing order in Florida signed by the State Surgeon General allows patients to receive this

treatment without a prescription or referral if administered by an eligible health care provider. View the complete standing order [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view a short video from Secretary Marstiller encouraging individuals to be vaccinated.

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