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COVID-19 Long-Term Care Vaccinations – Point of Care COVID-19 Diagnostic Test

Sign Up for Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program for COVID-19 Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, adult family care homes, and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled once vaccination is recommended for them. The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, while reducing burden on LTC facilities and jurisdictional health departments. An [overview of the program](#) as well as [frequently asked questions](#) regarding the program is available on the Agency's website at http://ahca.myflorida.com/COVID-19_Facilities.shtml#facility.

If interested in participating, LTC facilities should sign up (or opt out) starting October 19. Sign up will remain open for two weeks.

A nursing home or skilled nursing facility must be enrolled in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module to be able to make a selection of COVID-19 vaccine pharmacy providers. Please follow the enrollment steps here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/enroll.html>.

Assisted living facilities, adult family care homes, and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled wishing to participate should visit <https://redcap.link/LTCF>.

Point of Care COVID-19 Test Distribution

Point of Care COVID-19 diagnostic tests continue to be shipped to nursing homes, assisted living facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for the

Developmentally Disabled through both federal Health and Human Services and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, to expand testing in long term care facilities.

Facilities with a CLIA Certificate of Waiver should have received BinaxNOW tests. Distribution is based on the degree of positivity within counties: areas with greater than 10% positivity (red counties) and those in areas with 5-10% positivity (yellow counties) will be prioritized.

Red counties: test allocation for testing to support all staff 2x/week. Yellow counties: test allocation for testing to support 50% of staff 1x/week.

Long term care facilities that wish to apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver may apply to the Agency by visiting the [AHCA CLIA website](#). Facilities not wishing to apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver may also partner with an existing lab in your community in order to utilize the test kits provided. Communities that would like to request additional kits may email: rapidtestforseniors@em.myflorida.com.

Department of Health Reporting

All labs must report the results of the COVID-19 tests that they conduct to the county health department. Laboratories must report data for all testing completed, for each individual tested. This data must be reported within 24 hours of test completion, to the county health department.

The Department of Health (DOH) also issued a [memo](#) on October 9, 2020 regarding practitioner reports for Long-Term Care facility residents and staff for both COVID-19 test results and deaths to DOH. A recent Factsheet from DOH provides concerning the reporting process please review the [DOH COVID-19 Reporting Portal Registration Factsheet](#) issued October 13, 2020.

Point of Care Test Training

Training videos, modules, and FAQs for the BinaxNOW™ test can be accessed [here](#) on Abbott's website. For questions regarding the BinaxNOW™ test, please call Abbott Technical Services at 1-800-257-9525 or email ts.scr@abbott.com. For shipment issues or questions, email ARDxUSGovernmentSupport@abbott.com.

Returning Unused Testing Kits

To return unwanted tests, please contact your local emergency management office and they will redistribute to the appropriate areas. Contact information for your local emergency management can be found at: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/counties/>

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