

LTC Facility Vaccination Update

Hello Immunization Partners,

We wanted to provide you an update on COVID-19 vaccination efforts at long-term care facilities (LTCFs).

As you may remember, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) partnered with mobile vaccination vendors, specifically Honu, Amubulunz and Visit Health, to provide onsite clinics for 3rd doses for immunocompromised residents and staff at skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

Once COVID-19 booster doses were approved, MDHHS partnered with several pharmacy partners, including approximately 20 independent pharmacies, Walgreens, and Kroger, as well as the Michigan National Guard to provide on-site clinics for residents and staff at SNFs. This outreach is ongoing and we encourage all SNFs to work with their assigned partner to schedule on-site clinics. Our partners are ready and willing to vaccinate staff and residents with their booster dose, their first dose, or any additional dose depending on what is appropriate.

To protect residents and staff of smaller long-term care facilities, such as Adult Foster Cares (AFC) and Homes for the Aged (HFAs), MDHHS has partnered with the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to offer transportation services to the long-term care facilities to take their residents and staff to a local pharmacy to get vaccinated with their booster dose or additional dose, depending on what is appropriate. This outreach is ongoing and to date, the AAAs/CILs have reached out to approximately 2,800 AFC/HFA homes. We **strongly** encourage these facilities to work with their local AAAs/CILs to coordinate transportation for their staff and residents.

If you know of an AFC/HFA who still needs assistance with COVID-19 vaccinations for their staff and residents, please encourage them to do the following:

- Contact their local AAA/CIL organization and work with these facilities to schedule transportation services to local pharmacies for mobile residents and staff to get vaccinated
 - Local Area Agencies on Aging: [OSA - Find Local Services \(michigan.gov\)](#)
 - Local Centers for Independent Living: [Disability Network / MICHIGAN » CILs by County \(dnmichigan.org\)](#) or [Labor and Economic Opportunity - Michigan Centers for Independent Living](#)
- Request a clinic, either on-site or in a retail pharmacy location, from a local pharmacy using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [contact form](#)
- Encourage staff, that are able, to go to a local pharmacy to get vaccinated; or
- Work with the [local health department](#) for clinic capacity.

Local health department Health Officers and Immunization Coordinators will receive a weekly summary report of all of the long-term care facilities in their jurisdiction, and the assigned partner we have matched them with. At this time we have matched all skilled nursing facilities with a pharmacy partner or other immunizing provider. This report will contain information on the SNFs, as well as the AFCs and HFAs who are receiving transportation services from their local AAAs/CILs. The LHDs should receive their first report today.

Please share this information with LTCFs in your community. If you have any additional questions, contact the MDHHS Long-Term Care team at MDHHS-COVID-LongTermCare@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your partnership and your commitment to protecting Michiganders from COVID-19.