

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program - Third Clinics

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The three pharmacy partners participating in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program, CVS, Walgreens, and MHA, will be hosting three on-site clinics at enrolled LTC facilities across Michigan. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has recently provided guidance to our pharmacy partners stating that if there are residents or staff in need of a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage pharmacy partners to provide that first dose at the third vaccine clinic.

The pharmacy partners will not be returning to the LTCF for a fourth clinic to provide second doses to residents and staff. LTCF residents and staff will need to receive their second doses from a different provider.

If LTCF residents and staff have not received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, should they receive their first dose at the third and final scheduled clinic?	Yes. LTCF residents and staff should be offered a first dose of Moderna vaccine at the third and final scheduled clinic through this program. MDHHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) support optimizing the use of COVID-19 vaccines allocated to the LTC pharmacy partnership program.
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How can facilities ensure LTCF residents and staff who receive their first dose of Moderna vaccine at the third on-site clinic are able to receive their second dose of Moderna vaccine?	There are a variety of options the LTCF should take to obtain 2nd doses for residents and staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Partner with the local health department to receive vaccine for their facility.✓ Inquire about allocations available with traditional LTC pharmacy partners.✓ LTCF staff or residents can request appointments for their second dose from Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners; Rite Aid, Meijer, and Cardinal pharmacies. Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners are not required to provide vaccine clinics through this federal program but may collaborate with the facility and the pharmacy.
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<p>How will the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program support LTCF moving forward?</p>	<p>CDC has partnered with three pharmacies for the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program that serve LTC populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Managed Health Care Associates (MHA) ✓ GeriMed ✓ Innovatix <p>These partners will receive vaccine allocations from the federal government and have been instructed by CDC to work with LTCF to provide COVID-19 vaccine to residents and staff.</p> <p>LTCF can also reach out to any Federal Retail Pharmacy Partner and ask if they would be willing to provide a vaccine clinic for new residents and staff in need.</p>
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<p>What options do LTCF have to obtain COVID-19 vaccine for new staff and residents after the Federal Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program ends?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Partner with their local health departments to obtain vaccine. ✓ Inquire with their traditional pharmacy partner that serves their LTCF whether they have received an allocation of COVID-19 vaccine and can vaccinate their facility. ✓ Partner with a LTC pharmacy (MHA, Gerimed) enrolled in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program who have been instructed by CDC to continue to serve LTC populations after the Federal LTC Pharmacy Partnership ends. ✓ Mobile staff and residents can schedule appointments with any vaccine provider within their community offering vaccinations: local health departments, community providers, or other Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners <p>**Additionally, hospitals are receiving allocations of the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This vaccine could be utilized for patients that are being discharged from a hospital setting to a LTCF.</p>
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<p>Who can I contact for more information?</p>	<p>If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Doebler and Jennifer Schuette at: MDHHS-COVID-LongTermCare@Michigan.gov.</p>
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