

Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living  
Vermont Department of Health

Long Term Care Facilities – December 15, 2020 Conference Call re COVID 19 Vaccination Plan  
Response to Questions

- 1) In speaking with CIC Labs yesterday, they are not scheduling for January PCR testing until they are sure VT will be extending the contract to 2021, is there any information on this?**

No, please go through your usual channels for testing questions.

- 2) VT has pretty strict testing guidance, are the clinic staff tested and will they be able to provide a date of their last negative test in the past week?**

Our understanding is Yes, please check directly with the pharmacy assigned to you.

- 3) So we are poc tested every day before the start of our shift. Can we poc test the pharmacy staff prior to them rounding throughout our building?**

This is a federal program, please work directly with pharmacies with your requests.

- 4) CVS: Consents not received yet, schedule for 12/22, where can I get the consent for residents with POA?**

Please reach out to CVS directly at [CovidVaccineClinicsLTCF@CVSHealth.com](mailto:CovidVaccineClinicsLTCF@CVSHealth.com).

- 5) Will facilities with active outbreaks get vaccination priority?**

SNF's are given priority currently. Each pharmacy partner will work with facilities on how to handle immunizing during an active outbreak. A lot of factors are under consideration when scheduling clinics (amount of vaccine available, pharmacy partner staff capacity, location and size of the facility, communication with the pharmacy partner).

- 6) Do you have a specific form for consent mail to the facilities?**

Each pharmacy partner is handling the consent form process and will be in communication prior to scheduling clinics.

- 7) When will we know about residential care facilities such as Valley Vista?**

Each pharmacy partner will be in communication prior to scheduling clinics and can be contacted earlier with any questions.

- 8) When can TC's be expected to be contacted by Wallgreens?**

Each pharmacy partner will be in communication prior to scheduling clinics and can be contacted earlier with any questions.

**9) Is the outreach from pharmacies for skilled nursing only right now or are they also reaching out to other LTC facilities for planning?**

SNF is taking priority and outreach has already begun. Each pharmacy partner is contact other facilities on their own timeline.

**10) In addition to addressing new resident admissions and new employees please address whether/how hospice and other contract providers, travelers, coming into buildings will be addressed**

Any HCW that comes into your facility can be considered “staff” and can be vaccinated through the clinics. This information should be coordinated between you and your pharmacy partner. Family members of residents are not eligible for the clinics.

**11) Does the moderna expected approval this week change the picture for Other LTC facilities. Maybe move us up sooner than mid January?**

States were required to choose one vaccine for the whole LTC partnership. Vermont selected Pfizer in order to start clinics as soon as possible. All residents and staff will receive Pfizer through these clinics.

**12) What official info do we give the POAs?**

The [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) is required to be provided prior top administration, either to the individual or the POA.

**13) Can you provide more guidance for RTCs that provide services to young adults?**

If you are a state licensed facility, we are working to ensure you are covered in the early rollout of this program. More information to come.

**14) We have not been contacted by a CVS rep. Is that because we are a residential care home? Are they working with SNIF's only at this time? Receiving the necessary forms ahead of time would make things far easier for us.**

Each pharmacy partner will be in communication prior to scheduling clinics and can be contacted earlier with any questions.

**15) Does an MD need to be present on-site when vaccines are administered?**

No

**16) If Independent Living residents live in the same building as Residential Care residents, will the Independent Living be allowed to receive the vaccine at the same time?**

Independent living facilities were not eligible to enroll in the program, however when associated with and in close proximity to a RCH or ALF those numbers were able to be included in the bed counts and they are eligible to get immunized during the clinics. Please work with your pharmacy partner in planning if those residents were not originally taken into account.

**17) Will epinephrine be available during the clinics?**

This is standard protocol for vaccination clinics.

**18) Our vaccine consent form says to get consent day of vaccination- may we get them earlier? It would be almost impossible to get these done on the day of- for residents who need a representative to give consent.**

Each pharmacy partner is handling the consent form process and will be in communication prior to scheduling clinics. Work with your partner with any questions or concerns about the process

**19) We know multiple clinics are being done each week - how is this going to be handled if a clinic staff has been to a Covid + building 3 days prior to coming to a Covid naive building?**

Each pharmacy partner is taking precautions and following all CMS guidelines. They are also working with VDH to establish consistent IP protocols. If you have concerns, please contact your pharmacy partner.

**20) If a residents gets vaccinated, can they have visitors and go out into the community?**

The guidance at this time is to continue to follow all standard COVID-19 protocols. More information will be communicated as the data on transmission clarifies.

**21) Will we need physician orders?**

No.

**22) What PPE will the vaccination teams be using**

They will be required to provide their own PPE and follow all CMS requirements. For more details, please reach out to your pharmacy partner.

**For all questions related to vaccination within Special Populations, Interpretation of SARS-CoV-2 Test results, Contraindications please see the below slide deck from the CDC**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pfizer-biontech-vaccine-what-Clinicians-need-to-know.pdf>