

LAC Health Dept. Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Dear Los Angeles County Skilled Nursing Facility Administrators and Providers:

We are pulling all Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) in LA County out of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership (FPP)! That means you will be doing the vaccination of your residents and staff on your own with Moderna vaccine likely starting the week of December 21st.

Given the massive COVID-19 surge we are currently experiencing, the goal for LA County is to complete the first round of COVID-19 vaccine administration to SNF residents and staff by the end of December. This change will support both quicker vaccination and higher vaccine coverage.

We have received feedback from many of our SNF partners that the FPP does not allow them the flexibility that they need to vaccinate their residents and staff in the ways they would prefer. Therefore, we are disenrolling SNFs in LA County from the FPP with Walgreens and CVS and will provide the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine directly to SNFs so they can vaccinate on their own. By disenrolling SNFs from the FPP, we believe facilities will have more control over vaccination in the following ways:

SNFs will be able to vaccinate their residents and staff immediately and do not have to wait for an outside party to schedule a visit

1. SNFs can stagger vaccination for their staff and residents over time
2. SNFs will have control over the consent process for staff and residents
3. SNFs will have the ability to vaccinate new residents and new hires on their own schedule
4. SNFs will be able to provide vaccine to contractors and other visiting staff

Instead of FPP, we need to enroll facilities in COVIDReadi and CAIR (see information) so that they can receive vaccine directly from Moderna once the vaccine becomes available--most likely in the week of December 21st. This vaccine is better suited to SNF distribution as it is stable in the refrigerator if unopened for 28 days. Both vaccines have excellent efficacy and safety.

The challenge with providing vaccine on your own, however, is that each facility will be required to enroll in COVIDReadi and CAIR IMMEDIATELY so that vaccine shipment to your SNF is not delayed.

Additionally, SNFs will be required to enter all of their staff and residents into an online vaccine management software called PrepMod, before they are vaccinated. We will provide additional training on this easy to use system over the next days and weeks. PrepMod reduces reporting requirements and generates automatic second dose reminders.

Please see the enrollment information below and complete COVIDReadi and CAIR enrollment IMMEDIATELY. The latest date to register in COVIDReadi and CAIR is close of business on Monday, December 14th.

COVIDReadi Information

We are pleased to notify you that COVIDReadi, our COVID-19 vaccination provider registration system, is now open for you to register to participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. All healthcare providers who will be receiving and administering COVID-19 vaccines must be enrolled in the program. Due to limited vaccine availability expected during initial phases of the vaccination program, prioritized enrollment activities for vaccination providers are currently focused on settings where COVID-19 vaccine will be administered in Phase 1a. Providers that are likely immunizers for Phase 1a will be invited by their Local Health Department, so please do not share this link.

We have included enrollment instructions and a quick start guide. . Please read both carefully before you begin. There is a fair amount of information that you need to collect prior to completing the enrollment application. We understand that organizations are managed differently and this will impact how you register. Additionally, the information gathering process may require coordination with different people within your organization.

The registration process is broken into 3 parts:1. A Prescreening Section; 2. Part A-Organization; and 3. Part B-Each Organization's location.

Please consider the following:

- If you have a consolidated management structure, with a Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officer (or chief fiduciary/legal official) that oversee multiple locations, they must complete and sign the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Requirements and Legal Agreement (Section A), and then the individual locations will complete the Provider Profile Information (Section B) for each vaccination location covered under your organization (Section A). Through this process, your Organization's leadership does not have to sign enrollment agreements multiple times for all sites under your organization's umbrella.
- If your organization is independently managed, then each site would need to be enrolled individually, as an Organization, with each location leadership (CMO and CEO) completing and agreeing with the Program's participation agreement.

California's Registration Portal (COVIDReadi)

The provider registration portal, COVIDReadi, can be found at this link: <https://ca.covidreadi.com/>. The system is set up so that each person involved with the registration process needs to create their own account; once the organization is established, invitation codes can be sent to all individuals that need to participate in the process.

As you start entering information into COVIDReadi, please consider the following:

- If you do not receive an email from COVIDReadi to confirm your email address after setting up your account, please check your junk/spam folders. You may also have to check with your IT support in case the email is blocked due to a filter.
- Your information is saved as you move from page to page; this will allow different individuals to access the enrollment form and add specific pieces of information.
- You will need to complete at least one location in Section B for each Organization—an enrollment will not be reviewed until both an Organization and at least one Location section is submitted.

Please forward this to the appropriate people in your organization to begin the registration process.

The LA County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Provider Vaccine Call Center number is 833-505-0761, the email box is COVIDVaccineReq@ph.lacounty.gov.

Instructions for CAIR

Enroll in CAIR

Those who require CAIR enrollment: <http://cairweb.org/enroll-now/>

- Some facilities may already be enrolled in CAIR; organizations that are uncertain of their enrollment status should contact their Local CAIR Representative or the CAIR Help Desk, both of which are noted on the CAIR enrollment webpage.

Pasadena and Long Beach–based hospitals should check with their respective jurisdiction for local details.

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Thank you for your hard work and cooperation.

COVID-19 Vaccine Team

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