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CDC/Retail Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program – On-site COVID-19 Vaccine Enrollment

Requested Action:

Register for the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care program if you have not already done so by no later than **November 13, 2020 at 12:00 pm** through the Washington State Department of Health survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXBYB7R>

Background

The program was created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is a partnership with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccines to residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance. Program information is available at: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/16/trump-administration-partners-cvs-walgreens-provide-covid-19-vaccine-protect-vulnerable-americans-long-term-care-facilities-nationwide.html>

Although the date for the CDC/Retail Pharmacy long term care facility enrollment was November 6, CDC is tentatively offering to expand this program by allowing Washington long-term care facilities/agencies to enroll through November 13.

Questions and Answers about the Program

- 1. What is the cost for the program?**
Answer: The program is free to the facility and there will be no direct cost for the resident
- 2. What will the pharmacy do?**
Answer: The pharmacy will work as a support team to manage the vaccine handling and storage, administration, and documentation of the vaccine for residents at the facility/agency location.
- 3. Will the vaccines be given at the facility?**
Answer: The pharmacy will coordinate directly with the facility for onsite vaccinations at the facility for residents who are interested.
- 4. What if the facility already has a partnership with a long-term care facility?**
Answer: This is a short-term process to help vaccinate this high-risk population. The pharmacy will also return to give the second dose of the vaccine, but the facility can return to prior long-term care pharmacy partnerships after the initial vaccines are provided.
- 5. Do all of the patients/residents have to be immunized.**
Answer: The vaccine will only be given to residents who want to be immunized.

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6. Can caregivers/employees be vaccinated at the same time?

Answer: The caregivers/employees may be able to be immunized in an earlier phase of the program, but if not already done they can be immunized with residents.

7. Can Adult Family Homes register?

Answer: Yes, if they meet the patient population identified above. They select "other" as the facility type, then type "Adult Family Homes".

Contact Kathy at kathy.bay@doh.wa.gov for questions.

We will send out additional information important to navigating the COVID -19 pandemic when available.

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Washington State Department of Health (DOH):
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/HealthcareProviders>

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/16/trump-administration-partners-cvs-walgreens-provide-covid-19-vaccine-protect-vulnerable-americans-long-term-care-facilities-nationwide.html>

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TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY	
Voice mail for reporting non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

Communicable Disease Updates are posted online at: <http://bit.ly/CDUpdatePHSS>