

The Vermont Department of Health is working with pharmacies and the CDC to ensure all long term care facilities (LTCF) have continued access to the COVID-19 vaccine and this document provides current options and resources. After the CDC's Federal Pharmacy Partnership for LTCF Program ended, facilities were instructed to establish a direct relationship with a pharmacy partner to access COVID-19 vaccines going forward. To prepare for FDA authorization of a booster vaccine dose, most facilities should have established a relationship with a pharmacy where residents and staff can receive COVID-19 vaccine booster doses. If you have not established a relationship with a pharmacy, choose one of the following options.

Options to obtain COVID-19 Booster Doses:

- Work with your existing pharmacy partner
- Establish contact with a new pharmacy partner
- Utilize Community Clinics and Retail Pharmacies for mobile residents

If none of these options are viable for your facility, contact the Health Department at ahs.dailcovidinquiries@vermont.gov

Work with your existing pharmacy partner

Some of you have (or are in the process of entering) an arrangement with a pharmacy to provide booster doses to your facility, and/or for the pharmacy to come to your facility and administer the vaccine. Please continue to use the already established reliable distribution and administration systems that you have in place for obtaining COVID-19 booster vaccines. The goal is to have a fast and efficient way for individuals in LTCFs to get vaccinated if they need a primary series or a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine. There continues to be a strong supply of FDA authorized vaccines and this is the preferred option for access to COVID-19 booster doses.

Establish contact with a new pharmacy partner

If you do not have an established relationship with a pharmacy, or your pharmacy partner is not providing COVID-19 vaccines, please contact one of the pharmacies on the list below who may be willing to support booster doses at your facility.

Health Direct: David Simpson, HealthDirect Site Manager

E-mail: DavidSimpson@hdrxservices.com

Telephone: (800) 861-1903

Kinney (partnering with Health Direct): Shannon Miller, PharmD, CDE

E-mail: ShannonMiller@KinneyDrugs.Com

Telephone: (315) 451-2873, ext. 3148

Genoa: Willis(Bill) Breen, Rph
E-mail: wibreen@genoahealthcare.com
Telephone: (802) 917-0102

Shaws Osco Pharmacies: Kathleen Wobby, PharmD, District Pharmacy manager
Email: Kathleen.Wobby@shaws.com
Telephone: (802)309-4469
Office: (508)313-4533

Walgreens: Tiffany Bartke, PharmD,
Email: tiffany.bartke@walgreens.com
Request a clinic: <https://wagsoutreach.com/LTCF-Contact-Us>

Utilize Community Clinics and Retail Pharmacies for mobile residents:

If your residents are mobile and can be transported, the next preferred option for vaccinating residents and staff is by registering for the vaccine at a community clinic through the [state's portal](#) or through a retail pharmacy. Many retail pharmacies are offering vaccines. Most patients and staff can be registered directly through their websites. Links to their websites can also be found on the State's portal at the link above.

For those facilities who need COVID-19 vaccine boosters, and are unable to access vaccines via the options listed above, please reach out to the Health Department:

ahs.dailcovidinquiries@vermont.gov

Additional reminders:

Testing: The Vermont Department of Health continues to partner with CIC Health to offer COVID-19 testing at many sites in Vermont. If you have previously tested with CIC Health under Vermont's COVID-19 testing program, restarting is easy. Simply complete [this brief form](#) to notify CIC Health of your intent to restart your program. You may then begin testing immediately at the cadence defined in the guidelines put forth by the State of Vermont for the long-term care facility testing program. You will only be contacted by CIC Health if there is an issue with your request. If you need additional supplies, please [click here](#) to order. If you have any questions, please contact us at support@cic-health.com or call (877) 380-3029.

If you have never tested through CIC Health but would like to begin doing so, please reach out to support@cic-health.com or call (877) 380-3029 to get started.

Transportation: Mobile patients able to travel to a COVID 19 Vaccine clinic without access to their own transportation can call their local transportation agency ([click here for a list of providers](#)). The Vermont Public Transportation Association (VPTA) can also assist. Their toll-free number is [\(833\) 387-7200](tel:833-387-7200). These trips are free to all Vermonters. Please note that people who live near a fixed bus/transit route will be asked to use these routes whenever the vaccine clinic is also located near a fixed route.