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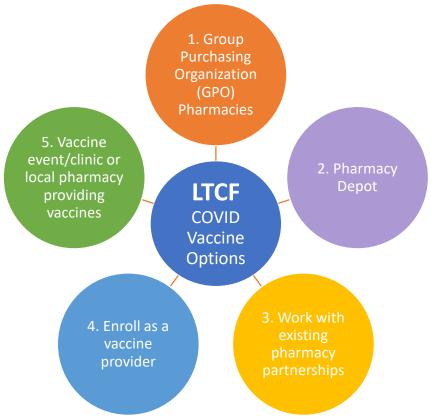


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ONGOING COVID-19 VACCINATION PLANS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) partnered with CVS, Walgreens, and Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA) to create the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program**, to offer onsite COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities across the United States. Since launching in mid-December 2020, the Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program has successfully completed three on-site vaccination clinics in each facility and administered over 7.8 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to LTCF staff and residents. LTCF residents are defined by CDC as adults who live in facilities that provide a variety of services, including medical and personal care, to people who are unable to live independently. Making sure LTCF residents receive COVID-19 vaccination as soon as vaccine is available will help save the lives of those at highest risk for infection and severe illness from COVID-19. Because residents live in group settings and are often older adults with underlying chronic medical conditions, LTCF residents are most at risk of severe disease from infections like COVID-19.



¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Understanding the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html. March 30, 2021.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination At Your Facility. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/index.html

The Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program formally ended March 31, 2021. The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) has collaborated with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy to develop five (5) vaccine access point options to ensure ongoing access to COVID-19 vaccine for new residents admitted daily and new staff at these facilities.

1. The federal government is providing COVID-19 vaccine to LTC pharmacies through three (3) Group Purchasing Organizations (GPO) nationally Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA), GeriMed, and Innovatix. There are four (4) participating LTC pharmacies in Nevada (see chart below).³ The State will continue to work with the federal government to enroll all Omincare and PharMERICA locations across Nevada to provide vaccine to LTCFs.

Partner	Pharmacy Name	City	Contact
MHA	Consonus Pharmacy Services LLC	Las Vegas	ltschen@consonushealth.com
MHA	Genoa Healthcare LLC	Las Vegas	vaccine@genoahealthcare.com
Innovatix	PharMERICA	N. Las Vegas	immunizeLTC@pharmerica.com
Innovatix	PharMERICA	Reno	immunizeLTC@pharmerica.com

2. NSIP has enlisted four (4) pharmacies to serve as COVID-19 vaccine depots for LTCFs in Nevada. A LTCF may directly contact one of these pharmacies to receive a supply of vaccine to administer to their residents and staff.

Pharmacy Name	City	Contact	
Las Vegas Infusion	Las Vegas	Name	Gener Tejero
Pharmacy		Address	1510 W Sunset Rd Ste 120 Henderson, NV 89014
		Phone	702-476-6996
		Email	pharmacist@lasvegasinfusion.com
Refill Pharmacy 1,	Las Vegas	Name	Sally Chia
LLC		Address	8536 Del Webb Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89134
		Phone	702-476-5888
		Email	refillpharmacylv@gmail.com
AbacusRX Pharmacy	N. Las Vegas	Name	Barry Cohen or Gelaine Mastny
		Address	1516 W Warm Springs Rd Henderson, NV 89014
		Phone	702-475-4297
		Email	Bcohen5@cox.net
Integricare RX	Reno	Name	Chris Shea
		Address	10605 Double R Blvd Reno 89521
		Phone	775-851-7788
		Email	chris@iccanv.com

3. A LTCF may work with their existing contracted pharmacy, or a pharmacy of their choice, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. LTCFs can work with their pharmacy and encourage them to enroll with NSIP as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider. The pharmacy can then receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine to

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³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Long-Term Care Pharmacies Participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/participating-ltc-pharmacy-list.pdf. March 30, 2021.

residents and staff. A pharmacy interested in stocking and administering the COVID-19 vaccine must meet the requirements outlined in the bulleted list below and complete the survey found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VLNBGB:

- a. The pharmacy must be enrolled in NV WebIZ.
- b. The pharmacy must have a stand-alone freezer and/or a stand-alone refrigerator with digital temperature monitoring devices for vaccine storage.
- 4. A LTCF may directly enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider. The LTCF can then receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine to their residents and staff. LTCFs interested in stocking and administering COVID-19 vaccine must meet the requirements outlined in the bulleted list below and complete the survey found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VLNBGB:
 - a. The LTCF must be enrolled in NV WebIZ.
 - b. The LTCF must have a stand-alone freezer and/or a stand-alone refrigerator with digital temperature monitoring devices for vaccine storage.
- 5. A LTCF can refer staff and mobile residents to schedule and attend a local health clinic or COVID-19 vaccination event. Additionally, residents and staff can independently schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at one of the many pharmacies now offering the vaccine. To find more information about where the COVID-19 vaccine is available in Nevada, please visit https://www.immunizenevada.org/nv-covid-fighter.

NSIP is also working with hospitals across the state to provide another access point to the COVID-19 vaccine for this high-risk population. Hospitals are now able to request COVID-19 vaccine to administer to patients upon hospital admission or when the patient is discharged to an assisted care facility. The LTCF may need to organize a patient's second dose if a two-dose product is used upon discharge.