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COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Enrollment

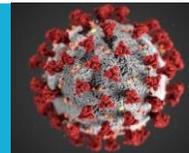
- The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has developed a **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Intent Form** for interested healthcare providers in Virginia to indicate intent to administer COVID-19 vaccine to patients and/or staff. Information collected allows VDH to set up necessary accounts for vaccine ordering and reporting. Information on this effort was provided to healthcare providers in Virginia via a [letter](#) from the State Health Commissioner on October 2, 2020. Additional information on provider enrollment in Virginia is available on the [VDH website](#).
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** – This document is posted to the [VDH COVID-19 vaccine website](#) under the Provider Intent section. Additional questions regarding the provider enrollment process can be directed to COVIDVaccineInfo@vdh.virginia.gov.
- Vaccine providers will be able to charge an **administration fee**. However, participating vaccine providers must administer COVID-19 vaccine regardless of the vaccine recipient's ability to pay COVID-19 vaccine administration fees or coverage status, as stated in the CDC Provider Agreement. Vaccine providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient. For uninsured patients, the vaccine provider can seek reimbursement for an administration fee from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Provider Relief Fund.
 - Specific information for providers, health plans and issuers, state Medicaid programs, and Children's Health Insurance Programs is available on the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [website](#).

Vaccine Information Resources

- **CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Website** - CDC has added new resources to the [COVID-19 website](#), including information regarding COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, vaccine safety and monitoring and vaccine confidence.
- **VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Website** – VDH continues to maintain a [COVID-19 vaccine website](#) as a resource for healthcare providers and residents.

Vaccine Allocation

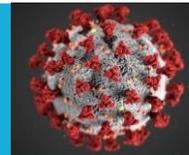
- Final decisions are being made about the use of initially available supplies of COVID-19 vaccines. These decisions will be partially informed by the proven efficacy of the vaccines coming out of Phase 3 trials, but **populations of focus for initial COVID-19 vaccination** may include:
 - Healthcare personnel (paid and unpaid people serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home)
 - Non-healthcare essential workers
 - Adults with underlying medical conditions that are risk factors for severe COVID-19 illness
 - People 65 years of age or older
- **Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to Virginia** will be based on multiple factors, including:



- Critical populations recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) - with input from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- Current local spread/prevalence of COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccine production and availability
- As vaccine is made available, a reserve will be held at the federal level to ensure **access to a second dose**. CDC will provide details on how this will be operationalized in the upcoming weeks.

Vaccine Planning

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations- Version 2.0** - CDC has released version 2.0 of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations. CDC has asked all jurisdictions to be operationally ready to receive COVID-19 vaccine by November 15, 2020.
- **Federal Pharmacy Partnership for COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities** - CDC will collaborate with CVS and Walgreens to provide on-site vaccination clinics for long-term care facility (LTCF) residents. CDC is working closely with LTCFs, jurisdictions, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), professional trade organizations that serve nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and pharmacy partners to inform facilities of their options to receive COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on when LTCF staff is prioritized to receive vaccine, they will be covered under this plan (if prioritized at the same time as residents) or covered under jurisdiction plans for vaccinating healthcare workers/essential populations (if prioritized before residents). If staff is prioritized before residents, any staff not already vaccinated may be vaccinated through the on-site clinics offered by pharmacy partners.
- **Federal Pharmacy Partnership Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccination** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is partnering with pharmacies to increase access to COVID-19 vaccine once a vaccine is authorized or approved and recommended for use in the United States. Through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccination, select pharmacy partners will receive a direct allocation of COVID-19 vaccine. This will help augment access to vaccine when supply increases and vaccine is recommended beyond the initial critical populations. With more than 86% of people living within five miles of a community pharmacy, pharmacies have unique reach and ability to provide access to COVID-19 vaccine and support broad vaccination efforts. This program will provide critical vaccination services for the U.S. population, with vaccine administered at retail locations at no cost to recipients.
- **Vaccine Safety and Efficacy** - The use of any COVID-19 vaccine will be based on the review and approval by FDA and the recommendation by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which will include safety data and information and the use in different ethnic, racial and diverse populations. VDH established a Vaccine Advisory Workgroup to provide a thorough review and report on the COVID-19 vaccines and other impacts the pandemic has on vaccine-preventable diseases. A Vaccine Safety and Efficacy Sub-workgroup has been established to provide a thorough review of clinical data from COVID-19 vaccine trials provided through the FDA and CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The Vaccine Safety and Efficacy



sub-workgroup will serve as an independent review board within Virginia for the COVID-19 vaccine candidates in all populations.

VaccineFinder

- All vaccination providers will be required to report and maintain their COVID-19 vaccination information on CDC's [VaccineFinder](#).
- When COVID-19 vaccine supply is limited, data reported will only be used for vaccine inventory information—not as a resource to help the public find vaccine. When vaccine is more widely available, providers will be notified that the VaccineFinder public-facing website will be turned on to show COVID-19 vaccination locations. This will allow the public to know where they can go to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Providers will be able to choose whether their location is displayed on the website. For participating providers, the VaccineFinder website will show the provider's location and contact information and will indicate that the provider has vaccine available. Specific inventory information will not be available to the public.
- This does *NOT* replace reporting doses administered to VDH within 24 hours of administration.