

Vaccine Planning Work Group

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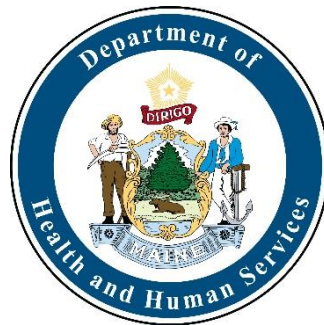
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We appreciate the time and effort taken by everyone joining to help the Maine CDC with COVID-19 vaccine planning.

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Agenda

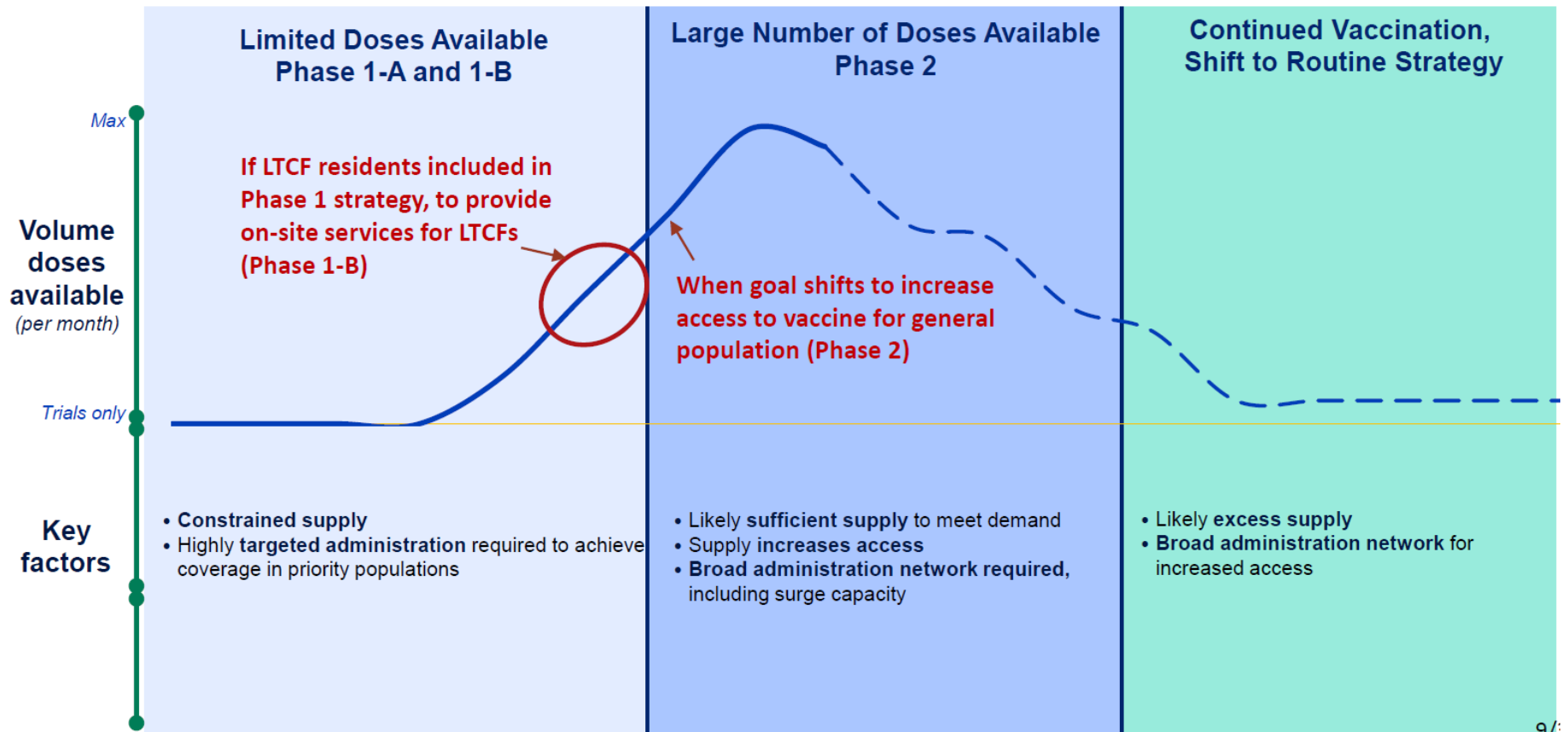
- Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program
- COVID-19 Provider Agreement
- Next weeks Topic: Storage and Handling

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

- CDC is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities once vaccination is recommended for them.
- The services will be available in rural areas that may not have easily accessible pharmacies.

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

Leveraging Pharmacy Partnerships to Increase Access



Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

- Provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process,
- Cold chain management,
- On-site vaccinations,
- Fulfillment of reporting requirements,
- Facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population,
- Reducing burden on LTC facilities

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

- Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) will make their selection through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).
- Assisted living facilities (ALFs) will make their selection via an online REDCap signup form.

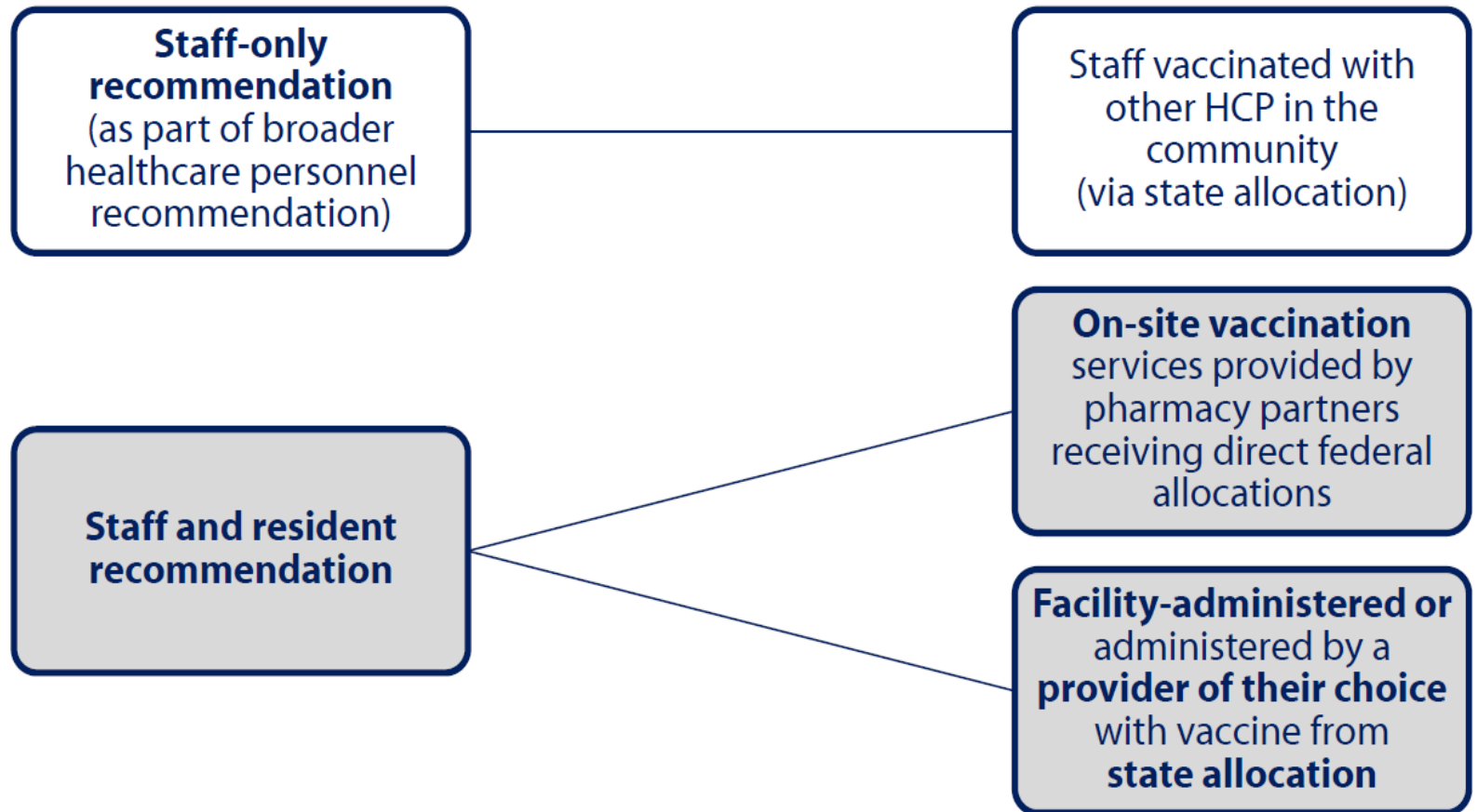
Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

- Facilities will indicate which pharmacy partner (one of two large retail pharmacies or existing LTC pharmacy) they prefer to have on site.
- Online sign-up information will be distributed through ALF and SNF partner communication channels.
- Indicating interest in participating is non-binding and facilities may change their selection or opt in or out via email after the online survey closes.

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program

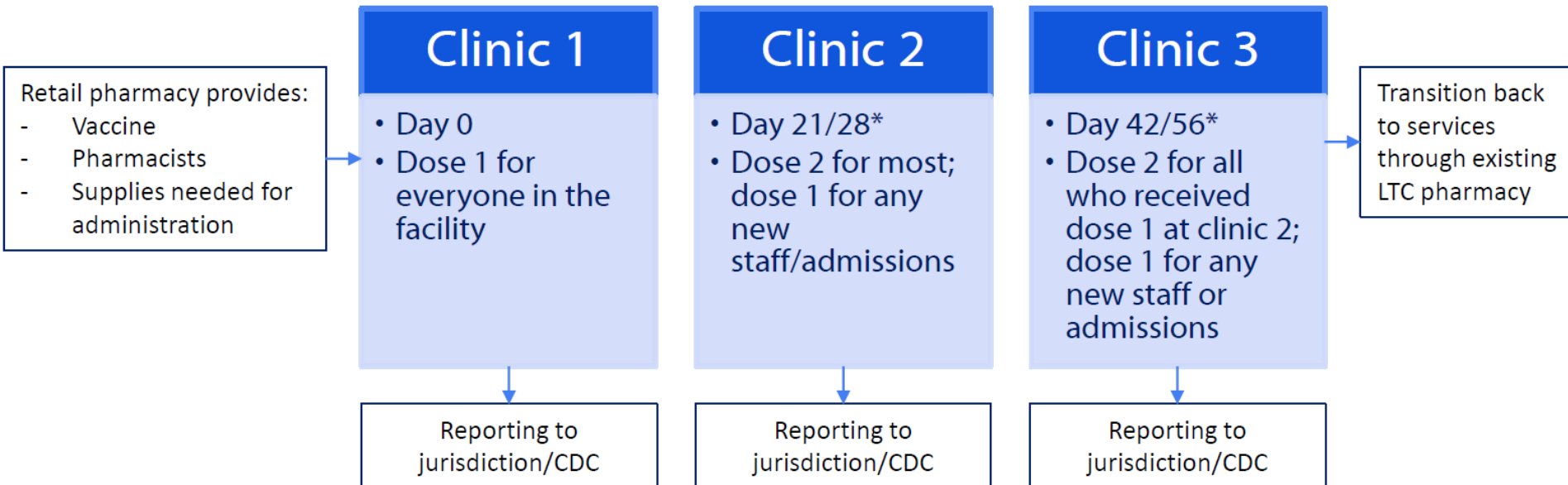
- CDC will communicate preferences to CVS and Walgreens and will try to honor facility preferences but may reassign facilities depending on vaccine availability and distribution considerations and to minimize vaccine wastage.
- CDC expects the program services to continue on site at participating facilities for approximately two months.
- After the initial phase of vaccinations, each facility can choose to continue working with CVS or Walgreens or can work with a pharmacy provider of its choice.

Pharmacy Roles with Long Term Care



On-Site Pharmacy Services

Service offerings may change pending discussions with partners



FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

Can facilities obtain COVID-19 vaccine through their usual pharmacy and administer it ourselves like we do for influenza vaccine?

- Yes, however, most of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in late-stage testing have stricter cold chain requirements than seasonal influenza vaccine, including requirements for some vaccines to be frozen. Additionally, each vaccine has different mixing requirements for administration and minimal interval requirements for a second dose, if indicated. Reporting requirements for COVID-19 vaccines will also be stricter than those for seasonal influenza vaccine. Anyone who administers COVID-19 vaccine is required to enroll as a vaccination provider and report individual-level administration data to the appropriate state, territorial, local, or federal jurisdiction once the vaccine has been administered. For facilities opting into the pharmacy partnership program, the pharmacy partner would be responsible for procuring vaccine, cold chain management, administration to residents (and staff who have not yet been vaccinated), and fulfillment of all reporting requirements to public health authorities on behalf of the facility.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

A facility has their own pharmacy, are they required to participate in the LTC pharmacy partnership program for vaccine distribution?

- No, you are not required to participate in this program. A facility can opt to have vaccine supply and management services coordinated by a pharmacy provider of their choice or opt in at a later time by emailing eocevent494@cdc.gov to sign up if after the online form has closed. If an LTCF opts out of the pharmacy partnership program, the LTCF and the pharmacy provider of their choice are responsible for coordination of and adherence to all vaccine supply chain, storage, handling, administration, and reporting requirements, including strict cold chain and public health reporting requirements.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

Can a combination of options be selected? For example, can we have some vaccination services be provided by our own pharmacy provider and some by the pharmacy partnership program.

- Initially, a combination of options will not be possible. We are asking facilities to select a single option to facilitate efficient distribution of vaccine. We expect the pharmacy partnership services to continue on-site at the facility for approximately 2 months.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

How would new LTCF residents be vaccinated?

- After the initial phase of vaccinations, the facility can choose to continue to work with the pharmacy that provided their initial on-site clinics for additional doses or can choose to work with a pharmacy provider of their choice. Depending on vaccine supply, facilities may want to work with local hospitals to ensure residents have received their first dose before being discharged. Similarly, facilities may ask new admissions from the community to get vaccinated before admission.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

What costs are we responsible for if we choose to participate in the pharmacy partnership program?

- There will be no costs to the LTCF for participation in the pharmacy partnership program. It is anticipated that participating pharmacies will bill public and private insurance for the vaccine administration fees.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

If the facility chooses its own pharmacy provider, will that pharmacy provider receive a payment for administering the vaccine?

- Yes, it is anticipated that pharmacy providers will bill public and private insurance for the vaccine administration fees.

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

Our facility is not enrolled in NHSN. Do we have to enroll in NHSN to indicate our options for vaccine supply?

- A nursing home or skilled nursing facility must be enrolled in the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 module to be able to make a selection of COVID-19 vaccine pharmacy providers. Please follow the enrollment steps here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/enroll.html>
- Assisted living facilities wishing to participate should visit <https://redcap.link/LTCF>

FAQ-Partnership with Long Term Care Facilities

Is Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mandating residents to be vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine?

- Not at this time. Please refer to CMS directly for requirements around COVID-19 vaccine in LTCFs.

Facility Sign-Up

Sign up through November 6, 2020

- National Healthcare Safety Network (SNFs)
 - There is a COVID-19 module
- REDCap (ALFs)
 - There is a survey

Provider Agreement Questions

Open for questions and guidance on submitting the
CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

Contact Information

C19Vaccine.MECDC@maine.gov

For questions regarding vaccine planning for COVID-19:

- Provider Enrollment Requirements
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement
- Any follow-up questions to these weekly Vaccine Planning Work Group Meetings

C19PA.MECDC@maine.gov

To submit documents for COVID-19 vaccine enrollment:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement
- Storage & handling documentation if required

Website Information

[ImmunizeME.org](https://www.immunizeME.org)



Pediatric (0-10 years)



Adolescent (11-18 years)



Adults (19 & Older)



Pregnancy



Vaccine Clinics



For Providers



COVID-19 Providers



Questions?

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