

## Vaccination Rollout Q & A Response

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- Q. I believe a representative from Walgreens is on this panel, this question is for them. Will Walgreens be bringing the allergic reaction kit? Or is this something our ALF should provide?
- A. Yes- we will have epi pens. Additionally, our staff are trained on handling those incidents.
- Q. How quickly is immunity built up to COVID-19 after receiving vaccine and can someone still contract the virus after taking vaccine.
- A. Immunity will possibly take months to build up, hence the reason of the two vaccinations.
- Q. Are we given a choice which vaccine we want to have if someone prefers the Moderna over the Pfizer in ALF setting?
- A. No, Moderna has not received approval from CDC yet. Walgreens received allocation of Pfizer vaccinations. This may change once approval is received under the Federal program.
- Q. If you have a head cold, should you wait on getting vaccinated?
- A. Yes, it is recommended to wait until all symptoms have subsided to take the vaccination.
- Q. Can the panelist clarify what info is entered into FL SHOTS and by whom?
- A. Pharmacies will be entering patient name and data, and which shot into the system.
- Q. If staff and/or residents receive vaccine, should they continue to be tested for COVID-19
- A. Yes
- A. When can ALFs expect to receive the vaccine?
- Q. There is no exact date as pharmacies are waiting the state to release assisted living providers, but will be in the rotations as soon as hospitals and skilled nursing homes are complete
- Q. If a person has received a TB test recently, will there be an issue with receiving a vaccine?
- A. If a person believes they have active tuberculosis and are infectious then they should seek the guidance of their health care provider. However, by simply taking the tuberculosis test will not discount anyone from getting vaccinated.
- Q. What is FALA doing to ensure ALF's aren't last in line?

- A. FALA is at the table with the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Health and AHCA – however there are a certain number of vaccines coming into the state and they are tiered on acuity.
- Q. Does FALA have any recommendations for a vaccine consent/declination form for residents and staff for the ALFs to use? I know the pharmacy has their specific consent form.
- A. As far as residents they cannot be forced to take the vaccination. Employee/employers please refer to your facility's general counsel. If anyone declines ensure the individual, be it a resident or employee signs the declination form for documentation purposes.
- Q. Can we Print off PDF consent forms and take physical signature from our residents? Will the pharmacy accept physical signature, or will they accept electronic signature?
- A. ALF & AFCH providers may begin filling the consent form now, be sure to present the consent form to the resident or representative along with the EUA fact sheet. So, that the residents are aware of side effects. Walgreens will accept a verbal (in person or over the phone) or via email consent from a resident's representative as long as the consent form is signed by the administrator and sufficient documentation is obtained.
- Q. Will COVID 19 vaccine group injections be staggered amongst staff to avoid multiple staff members calling off with side effects?
- A. This question has been brought to the attention by the CDC that staggering is a big concern by LTC facilities, Walgreens is prepared to bring three vaccination clinics at each facility. The first clinic will be for first doses, the second clinic will be for second dose for the people who had their first doses **or** the first doses for employees based on staggered staff schedules **or** for new people that arrived at the facility. The third clinic would be to give the second dose to new people or to the staff that's scheduled. The three clinics may not cover all shifts at the facility, however Walgreens is working on a token schedule that will allow a staff member access into one of the hubs that has inventory on site to provide the vaccination. This system is not completely worked out but plans to streamline.
- Q. What happens when a staff member refuses the vaccine? should the staff be allowed to work?
- A. Individuals cannot be forced to be vaccinated (residents); Staff it is up to your counsel on how you address. Document! Document! Document!
- Q. What's the expected timeline in developing immunity once complete vaccine received?
- A. It may take months to develop herd immunity.
- Q. Once ALF are open to receive scheduling for vaccination, what is the timeframe that you will contact the facilities, so they have time to prepare?

A. First ensure consent forms are completed and submitted, next look at the spaces in the facility and plan toward making the set up is aligned with CDC social distancing requirements. Scheduling could potentially be within one to two weeks.

Q. Can a facility sign up for open slots when ALFs are open to receive the vaccination schedule?

A. Yes, with Walgreens. Please contact Sally West at [sally.west@walgreens.com](mailto:sally.west@walgreens.com)

Q. Can Third party receive vaccination if in the building?

A. Yes, if the facility has a third party provided in the facility at the time your facility is set for a date, the third party can participate in the getting vaccination.

Q. In between vaccine 1 and vaccine 2 what does that look like for residents and staff?

A. There is a 21 day wait period between both vaccines, but if someone develops symptoms of COVID the individual should get tested for COVID. If positive self-isolate for 10 days and may resume the second vaccination after symptoms are gone.

Q. Can we include essential caregivers in the vaccination?

A. AHCA will respond on a long-term care call.

Q. If there is a third-party provider in the clinic, should they be reported in the staff numbers when completing ESS

A. Yes, please include in numbers

Q. We test every two weeks, should we suspend bi-weekly testing through the vaccination schedule?

A. Testing should continue