



COVID-19 Vaccines: Have a Game Plan!

Greater than 80% of long-term care (LTC) facilities have submitted their COVID-19 vaccination plans to their state departments of health. Amid rapidly changing vaccination guidelines, now is the time to **review your plan to make sure it meets your facility goals.**



Is your plan reliable?

A dependable plan to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccinations to your residents and staff is essential for safety and compliance. If your plan includes scheduling retail pharmacies to do on-site clinics at your facilities, you will want to confirm their ability to execute without cancellation. There have been instances where workforce shortages are impacting retail pharmacies availability to send a team of vaccinators to complete onsite clinics as expected. Please consider that scenario in your planning process.

Communicate

A key component to all COVID-19 vaccination plans is a reliable partnership between the facility and pharmacy. At Consonus we strive to be a trusted advisor and advocate for all our clients. It is our goal to help you ensure a stable supply and access to COVID-19 vaccine for residents and staff. By providing your health department and your LTC pharmacy with your COVID-19 vaccination plan you are ensuring a stable vaccine supply.



As a high-touch pharmacy, Consonus is prepared to support your plan to ensure your success and positive outcomes. At present, nearly 20% of communities have not provided a plan to state health departments. This negatively impacts the availability of COVID-19 vaccine. Please let us know if you need assistance in securing contracted vaccinators, obtaining educational resources or with delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine through our existing Continuity program. Our program utilizes the VaccPack which allows your facility the flexibility to pick one or multiple days for your nurses to vaccinate staff and residents for both the initial series, third doses and booster doses.



Activate

It's not too late! Please contact your consultant nurse or pharmacist if you have questions about enrolling to receive COVID-19 vaccines. You may also email our [Vaccine Coordinators](#) or refer to [Vaccine Activation FAQs](#) on our website.

Prepare

If you have already activated during the initial phase, you do not need to activate again for booster doses. However, there are a couple of steps you should take before vaccination time.



Validate Access: It is important to validate you have access to the portal and that vaccinator accounts are active before you are ready to vaccinate. Many accounts were disabled due to inactivity. Your Facility Coordinators can reactivate accounts. Please review the help section of the Vaccine Administration Software (VAS).

Vaccine Administration Software (VAS) Updates: One improvement is in the recording administration of additional doses. Users no longer need to submit a Patient Correction form for recording additional doses, which simplifies the documentation. Also, if a patient is missing their insurance information in the VAS portal, you'll see an orange alert icon on the "Insurance Coverage" tab on their file. It is essential to add the insurance information under the patient's profile in the VAS portal to document administration of the vaccine. Please review the help section of the Vaccine Administration Software (VAS).



Thank you!

Thank you all for your continued efforts in vaccinating seniors and your staff!