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TO: Long Term Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, and Residential Care Homes

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SUBJECT: Federal Pharmacy Partnership in Connecticut

As a jurisdiction, Connecticut has decided to participate in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care (LTC). This program will offer vaccines to the residents and staff of all long-term care facilities in the State of Connecticut through on-site clinics that are run by CVS and Walgreens.

The Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements, to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, while reducing burden on LTC facilities and jurisdictional health departments.

In the coming weeks, the locations listed on the attached sheet should expect to be contacted directly by CVS or Walgreens with further instructions*. Skilled nursing facilities will be vaccinated in the first part of the program, with assisted living facilities to follow. On site vaccination in skilled nursing facilities is expected to begin as early as the week of December 21st in some locations. Both residents and all staff are eligible to be vaccinated through this program.



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A question and answer document about the program is available at

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html>.

Interim Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel and Long-Term Facility Residents is available from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at:

[https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19/clinical-](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19/clinical-considerations.html)

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* Data downloaded as of 12/4/2020 from CDC. The locations appear as they were entered in the survey; there may be duplicates and inaccuracies depending upon what was entered. The locations are sorted by town.