



Fall 2025 SNF Vaccination Planning: Pharmacy Processes and Ordering Timelines

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Agenda Overview

- Presentation by Skilled Nursing Pharmacy
- Presentation by Elements Pharmacy
- Q&A for presenters
- LACDPH survey
- Additional resources
- Concluding comments/questions



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Vaccine Ordering at Skilled Nursing Pharmacy

- All vaccine orders are placed for a specific resident.
- Pre Booking bulk ordering does occur, but is mostly for Influenza Vaccine orders.
- Orders are recommended to be placed electronically (Ex: PCC).

Processing Time

- **SNP processing time for Vaccines to be sent is within one day of receiving the order.**

- **Delays can occur:**
 - Manufacturer limited supply.
 - Back orders especially during peak vaccination time.
 - Noncovered high cost vaccines.

Anticipation of 2025-2026 Vaccines

Covid-19 Current Recommendation

- [Key health care organizations](#) recommend that all individuals aged 6 months and older be offered updated COVID-19 vaccines as they become available.
- Adults 65 years and older are recommended to receive 2 doses of any updated COVID-19 vaccine separated by 6 months (minimum interval 2 months) regardless of vaccination history.

Getting the updated COVID-19 vaccine is especially important if you:

- Never received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Are ages 65 years and older.
- Are at high risk for severe COVID-19.
- Are living in a long-term care facility.
- [Pregnant persons](#)

Anticipation of 2025-2026 Vaccines

Influenza Vaccine

- CDC recommends everyone aged 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine, ideally before the end of October before flu starts circulating.
- Important for people at high risk for developing serious complications from flu, including:
 - People 65 years and older,
 - People with chronic medical conditions (i.e., heart, lung, kidney, and liver disease) including obesity, asthma, diabetes or weakened immune systems.
 - People who live in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

For those aged 65 years and older – High-dose, recombinant, or adjuvanted flu vaccines are recommended if they are available:

- Fluzone
- Flublok
- Fluad

Anticipation of 2025-2026 Vaccines

- FDA has advised the COVID-19 vaccines in fall 2025 should be monovalent JN.1-lineage-based COVID-19 vaccines (2025-2026 Formula).
- FDA has also approved the composition of the Influenza Vaccine 2025-2026.
- Currently the 2025-2026 vaccines are unavailable at Skilled Nursing Pharmacy.
- Expected date of availability is August/September.

Consent Process

- Medicare regulations require nursing homes to offer residents the influenza (flu), Pneumococcal and COVID-19 Vaccinations, and education regarding these vaccinations.
- Consent is a common practice, and is required for COVID-19 vaccination.
- If a resident is unable to communicate or make decisions about their vaccination, consent can be provided by a medical proxy or substitute decision-maker appointed to make medical decisions on their behalf.
- Documentation of consent or assent must be recorded in the resident's medical chart according to the provider's standard practice.

Scheduling Clinics

- Skilled Nursing Pharmacy is not currently offering vaccination clinics.
- Pharmacies serving long-term care facilities can be found through resources like the LA County Department of Public Health.

Helpful Tips

- **Be Proactive**

- Follow up with pharmacy regarding availability of new Vaccines (August and September).
- Stay in contact with your pharmacy team (Consultant Pharmacist, Nurse Consultant, Customer Success Managers).

- **Be Prepared**

- Set up project leader
- Determine Vaccine Needs
- Explore facility billing/Cost
- Review facility policies
- Explore scheduling options
- Plan vaccine administration
- Document vaccinations

Champion Facility #1

- Facility is highly proactive with vaccine follow up.
- Facility Staff (nursing, DON, and Administrative) make a strong effort to follow up on new vaccine availability during the COVID-19 and Flu season.
- This facility works closely with there Skilled Nursing Pharmacy customer success manager, and consultant pharmacist.

Champion Facility #2

- Facility finds major success through proper planning.
- Infection Prevention control nurse is given the responsibility for planning Vaccine Administration, and Clinics.
- Facility started planning early (late June/Early July)
- Planning that has already occurred:
 - Vaccine cost for facility and residents
 - Vaccine need
 - Order Entry
 - Possible days for a Vaccination clinic/administration day

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Successful Vaccination Programs in Skilled Nursing Facilities

- Free Vaccination Clinics for facility, residents and staff
 - Offer staff vaccinations during every vaccine clinic
- No minimum number of vaccines required
- Scheduled/frequent recurring vaccine clinics
- Experts in ACIP/CDC recommendations and vaccine schedules
 - Underlying medical conditions, past vaccination history, age qualification, past vaccine reactions, allergies, etc.
- Resident vaccine evaluations to evaluate for eligible vaccines
- Insurance expertise – Medicare Part B, C, D, Medi-Cal, etc.
 - Prior authorizations / Insurance overrides (PACE programs, narrow network plans, immunizations billed but not administered), eligibility issues

Successful Vaccination Programs in Skilled Nursing Facilities

- Access to free vaccines for uninsured staff (Bridge Access Program COVID vaccines, State General Fund flu vaccines)
- Access to free vaccines for residents without insurance to cover vaccines (Ex. Medicare A only, VA)
- Consistent communication (phone, emails) between vaccine provider and IP Nurse / DSD / DON to provide information on vaccination rates, hospitalization rates, outbreaks, reinforce CDC and DPH updates, clinic scheduling reminders, updated vaccine recommendations, etc.
- Schedule vaccine clinics on short notice if needed
- Educational in-services for staff, residents and families

Successful Vaccination Programs in Skilled Nursing Facilities

- Flexible vaccination plans (room-to-room, common areas, dining room, activity room, smoking patio – finding residents)
- Provide education and a friendly face at bedside to minimize vaccine refusals
- Verification of vaccination history in CAIR and SNF vaccination records no more than 24 hours prior to vaccine clinics
- Ease the burden on IP Nurses that encourages them to continue scheduling clinics
 - Report all vaccines to CAIR and other Immunization Registries (ex. RIDE)
 - Stewardship for vaccine consent forms – staff turnover can lead to misplaced forms at the SNF

Successful Vaccination Programs in Skilled Nursing Facilities

- Assistance with P/P review to ensure SNF policies are updated with the most recent CDC guidance
- Access to the most current Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) for each vaccine for resident and/or representative
- Access to updated SNF specific Vaccine Consent / Declination Forms
- Focused Vaccine Specialty Provider – never interfere with services of other providers
- Ease of communication, requesting vaccine clinics and documentation submission
 - Secure Portal, Fax, Email, QR code



Corporate Partnerships Optimize Vaccination

- Minimize unreimbursed SNF vaccine expenditure, expired and wasted vaccines and vaccines administered without reimbursement (Residents and staff)
- **Plan for Fall vaccine billing – Medicare A and Employees**
- Optimize Medicare Part B vaccine administration to Medicare Part A residents to create a profit center
- Direct billing to Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C)
- Resolve vaccine coverage issues for residents with Medicare Part A only, Medicare Parts A and B without a Medicare Part D plan, residents in PACE programs, residents in narrow-network plans

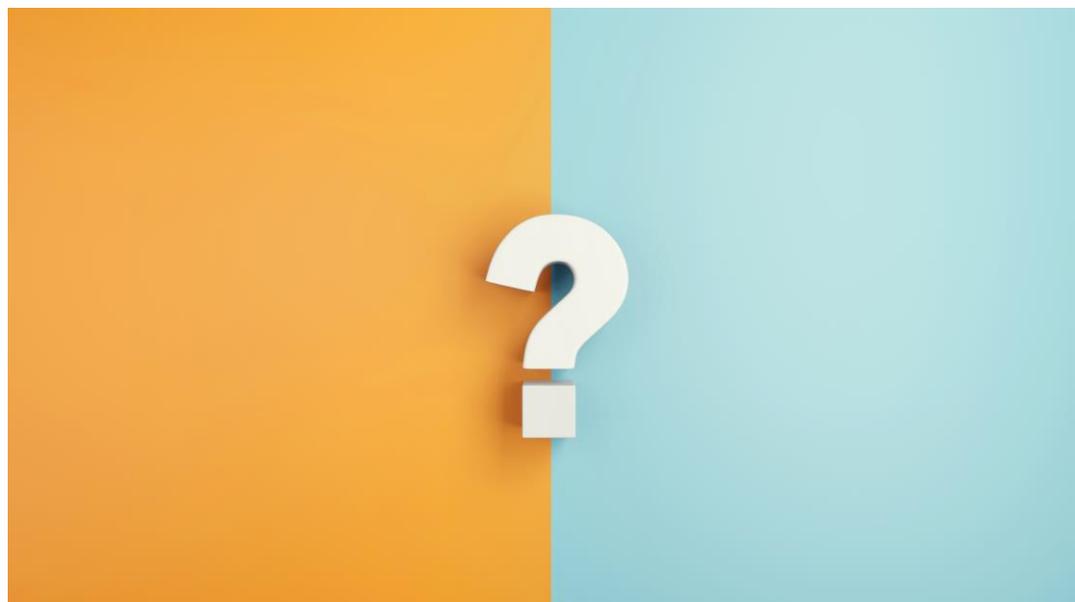


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Corporate Partnerships Optimize Vaccination

- Collaborate to create a crosswalk for SNF Administrators and IP Nurses who are uncomfortable with authorizing vaccine charges leading to sub-optimal vaccination rates
- Participate in multi-disciplinary team pre-admission process – Plan vaccination prior to hospital discharge for resident with Medicare Part A only
- Medicare Part D education, right-to-choose, information and benefits of a Part D plan upon admission
- Coverage for entire state of CA to ease the corporate burden

Q&A



We want to hear from you!

Please complete this brief survey to inform LACDPH about your pharmacy plans for Fall/Winter 2025:

SNF Fall 2025 Vaccine Survey



<https://forms.office.com/g/bAhQPTnhLK>



Additional Resources





Independent Pharmacies Serving LA County LTCF & SNFs

Organization	Phone	Street Address	City	Zip
986 Pharmacy 8001 Inc	(909) 596-6168	2143 Foothill Blvd	La Verne	91750
ABC PHARMACY	(626) 457-8888	841 W Valley Blvd	Alhambra	91803
ABM PHARMACY	(818) 242-4216	1385 E. Colorado St.	Glendale	91205
Clinicare Pharmacy	(818) 727-7234	9245 Reseda Blvd	Northridge	91324
Cosmed Pharmacy	(818) 933-2010	6521 Van Nuys Blvd	Van Nuys	91401
ECHO PARK PHARMACY	(213) 341-1411	1634 W. Sunset Blvd.	Los Angeles	90026
EDDIE'S PHARMACY	(310) 358-2400	8408 Beverly Blvd	Los Angeles	90048
El Monte Pharmacy	(626) 448-2507	3948 N Peck Rd	El Monte	91732
Elements Pharmacy	(818) 305-6024	12602 Ventura Blvd	Studio City	91604
FRESH WELLNESS PHARMACY	(626) 295-2933	18417 Colima Rd	Rowland Heights	91748
GOLDEN WELLNESS RX PHARMACY	(310) 451-2828	1230 Montana Ave.,	Santa Monica	90403
HENDRICKS PHARMACY	(909) 624-1611	137 Harvard Ave	Claremont	91711-4717
MedEx Pharmacies	(818) 925-1321	8441 Foothill Blvd	Los Angeles	91040
MERCY LTC AND SPECIALTY PHARMACY	(714) 251-1854	11515 Artesia Blvd	Artesia	90701
MICKEY FINE PHARMACY	(310) 963-3317	433 N. Roxbury Dr.	Beverly Hills	90210
Paramount Family Pharmacy	(562) 531-1313	8010 2nd St	Paramount	90723
PIH HEALTH COMMUNMITY PHARMACY	(562) 789-5412	12462 Putnam Street	Whittier	90602
PRICE CARE PHARMACY	(562) 825-5923	10837 Downey Ave	Downey	90241
ROYALTY PHARMACY	(909) 620-8008	1902 Royalty Dr	Pomona	91767
SAVE MORE PHARMACY	(626) 282-8633	349 E. Main St.,	Alhambra	91801
The Prescription Shop	(323) 728-8127	1215 W Whittier Blvd	Montebello	90640
Valu-Rx. Inc.	(818) 996-9906	5525 Etiwanda Avenue	Tarzana	91356
VINCENT LY PHARMACY INCORPORATION	(626) 782-7800	701 S Atlantic Blvd	Monterey Park	91754
VM PHARMACY	(562) 977-7763	12626 South St	Cerritos	90703
WHITE MEMORIAL MEDICAL PLAZA PHARMACY	(323) 559-5268	1701 East Cesar E Chavez Ave	Los Angeles	90033
XPRS RX PHARMACY	(424) 297-7779	11205 1/4 National Blvd	Los Angeles	90064

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/Docs/LTCFSNFPharmacyResources.pdf>



LTC Pharmacies Serving LA County LTCF & SNFs

Organization	Phone	Street Address	City	Zip
ALLIANCE PHARMACY	(714) 758-5354	1585 W Broadway	Anaheim	92802
CITRUS PHARMACY	(909) 793-8205	511 Amigos Dr	Redlands	92373
DEL'S PHARMACY	(909) 477-6300	10374 Trademark St	Rancho Cucamonga	91730
HYGEIA LTC PHARMACY	(323) 263-4903	786 Monterey Pass Rd	Monterey Park	91754
MEDICINE SHOPPE	(626) 234-3186	11515 Artesia Blvd	Artesia	90701
MEIJI PHARMACY (RETAIL)	(310) 538-2885	1630 W Redondo Beach Blvd	Gardena	90247
MIX PHARMACY	(818) 798-3833	6345 Balboa Blvd	Encino	91316
OMNICARE	(888) 452-4808	8220 Remmet Ave	Canoga Park	91304
OWL WESTERN PHARMACY	(626) 209-8160	1009 West San Bernardino Road	Covina	91722
PAX PHARMACCY	(626) 357-8500	931 Buena Vista St	Duarte	91010
PHARMERICA	(805) 440-3242	833 Marlborough Ave	Riverside	92507
POLARIS PHARMACY SERVICES LTC	(866) 463-3757	760 Arrow Grand Circle	Covina	91722
RON'S PHARMACY	(858) 652-6900	10121 Carroll Canyon Rd	San Diego	92131
SKILLED NURSING PHARMACY - COI	(626) 372-6019	16666 E. Johnson Drive	City Of Industry	91745
SPECIALIST MEDICAL PHARMACY	(818) 294-3897	421 E Beach Ave	Inglewood	90302
STAR PHARMACY	(818) 304-0881	6735 Valjean Ave	Van Nuys	91406
VERDUGO PLAZA PHARMACY ALHAMB	(626) 281-3799	3039 West Valley Boulevard	Alhambra	91803

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❖ Free and low-cost vaccination clinics can be found [here](#).
Additionally visit www.HealthCare.gov to learn about affordable health coverage options.

CITY	PEOPLE SERVED	PROVIDER NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE
Alhambra	Children & Adults	Chinatown Service Center - Health Center Alhambra	320 S Garfield Ave Ste 118	91801	626-773-3388
Alhambra	Children	Tzu Chi Health Center - Alhambra	1000 S Garfield Ave	91801	626-281-3383
Arleta	Children	Comprehensive Community Health Centers - Arleta	9043 Woodman Ave Ste C	91331	818-221-3106
Arleta	Children	El Proyecto del Barrio - Arleta Family Health Clinic	8902 Woodman Ave	91331	818-830-7033
Artesia	Children	ABC Unified School District - Burbank Clinic at Burbank Elementary School	17711 Roseton Ave	90701	562-926-5566
Artesia	Children	The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy - Artesia	11515 Artesia Blvd Ste 101	90701	562-402-1000
Azusa	Children & Adults	El Proyecto del Barrio - Azusa Health Center	150 N Azusa Ave	91702	626-969-7885
Baldwin Park	Children & Adults	Central Community Health Clinic - Baldwin Park	4126 N Maine Ave	91706	626-653-0800
Baldwin Park	Children & Adults	El Proyecto del Barrio - Baldwin Park Community Clinic	3942 Maine Ave	91706	626-678-9296
Bell	Children	Angeles Community Health Center - Bell	4750 Gage Ave	90201	866-981-3002
Bell	Children	Northeast Community Clinic - Community Medical Alliance	4129 E Gage Ave	90201	323-771-8400
Bell Gardens	Children & Adults	FHCCGLA - Bell Gardens Family Medical Center	6501 Garfield Ave	90201	562-928-9600
Bell Gardens	Children	FHCCGLA - School Based Health Center	6119 Agra St	90201	562-928-9600
Bell Gardens	Children & Adults	Wesley Health Centers - Bell Gardens	6912 Ajax Ave	90201	866-733-5924
Bellflower	Children & Adults	Ambulatory Care Network - Bellflower Health Center	10005 E Flower Ave	90706	562-526-3000
Bellflower	Children	Community Medicine Inc. - Bellflower	8800 Alondra Blvd Ste C	90706	562-602-2508
Bellflower	Children & Adults	The Children's Clinic Family Health Center - Bellflower	17660 Lakewood Blvd	90706	844-822-4646



Vaccine Management Reminders

- COVID-19 vaccines are available in single dose vials and syringes
 - 10 doses are available in each box
- mNEXSPIKE (Moderna) and NUVAXOVID (Novavax) are new COVID-19 vaccine products approved for use in 65+ population
 - MEXSPIKE is approved for use in individuals who have been previously vaccinated with any COVID-19 vaccine
 - MEXSPIKE and NUVAXOVID are also indicated for individuals 12 through 64 years who have at least one underlying condition that puts them at high risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19
- Flu vaccine always expires at the end of May or June
 - The upcoming season expiration will be June 30, 2026
- Order Flu vaccine in multiples of 10 doses (10 doses, 20 doses, 30 doses, etc.)



Vaccine Management Reminders Cont.

- RSV vaccine for adults is available in 3 products: Abrysvo (Pfizer), Arexvy (GSK), mRESVIA (Moderna)
- RSV vaccine expiration date is 18 months (Abrysvo; mRESVIA) from the manufacture date or 24 months from the manufacture date (Arexvy)
- A single dose of any FDA-licensed RSV vaccine is recommended for all adults ages 75 and older and adults ages 50–74 at increased risk of severe RSV.



Current COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

- Recent federal policy statements and changes have raised questions and confusion about recommendations and access to COVID-19 vaccines.
- COVID-19 vaccines continue to be important tools to prevent severe disease in vulnerable populations.
- CDPH recommends that all individuals age 6 months and older should have access and the choice to receive currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines, with an emphasis on protecting higher risk individuals, such as infants and toddlers, pregnant individuals, and others with risks for serious disease.
- Insurance coverage for COVID-19 vaccines is still in place.
- Adults 65 years and older or immunocompromised are recommended to receive two doses of the 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 vaccine separated by 6 months (minimum interval 2 months). *To be considered “Up-to-Date”, they must have received the 2nd dose.
- COVID-19 activity is rising. While COVID-19 seasonality is uncertain, a summer wave is expected. Majority of COVID-19 burden from last year occurred during the 2024 summer wave. Older adults and young children continue to have the highest COVID-19 hospitalization rates.
- Resources: <https://eziz.org/resources-for-longterm-care-facilities/>

Vaccine Confidence webpage

ph.lacounty.gov/vaccineconfidence

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Addressing False Information & Building Vaccine Confidence

Introduction

Information for the Public

Information for Providers

Resources

This webpage is designed for the public and healthcare professionals to share information and resources addressing false information and to help build trust and confidence in life saving vaccines.

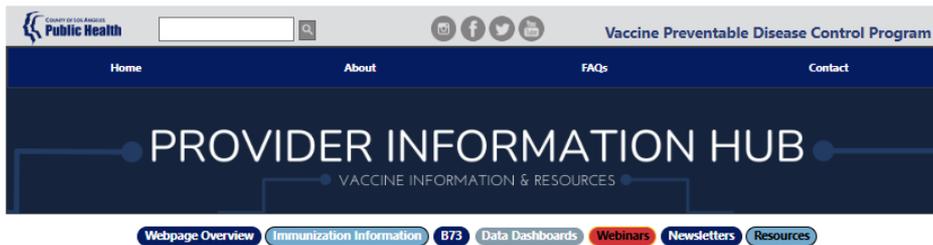
We want to hear from you!

Using this [form](#), ask questions or share what types of false information you have encountered recently.



Provider Hub Webpage

ph.lacounty.gov/providers



Webpage Overview Updated 6-30-2025

This webpage provider hub serves the following purposes:

- Provides web-based resources for vaccine preventable diseases, including
 - Reporting, treatment, and vaccine recommendations. To view disease specific guidance
- [B73 manuals](#)
- [Data dashboards](#) related to vaccines and vaccine preventable diseases.
- Upcoming LAC DPH [webinars and office hours](#).
- [Newsletters](#), and
- Additional [resources](#), including contact information for the Vaccine Preventable Disease C

Newsletters & Alerts for Providers

- Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program Newsletter - Coming soon!
- SNF Newsletter - a newsletter for Skilled Nursing Facility staff.
 - 2025: [May](#) | [June](#) | [July](#)
- [Los Angeles Health Alert Network](#)
- [Rx for Prevention](#)

Information by Vaccine Preventable Disease

Vaccine preventable diseases provider pages include vaccine recommendations and specific information related to the disease (reporting, testing etc). Information for the public is at the top of each webpage below.

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B73 Procedural Manual (for Diseases & Conditions)

The [B73](#) is LAC DPH's [procedural manual](#), about diseases and conditions, and serves the following purposes:

- Provides important information on each disease,
- Describes when and how to report them



Thank you!

