



Background

The Federal Pharmacy Partnership (FPP) for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program is facilitating on-site vaccination of residents and staff at more than 65,000 enrolled long-term care facilities (LTCFs) nationwide. At no cost to facilities, the program provides end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations for residents and staff, and fulfillment of reporting requirements. Vaccine administration through the federal program launched nationally on December 21, 2020 with both Walgreens and CVS being activated within the state of Tennessee on December 28, 2020.

Tennessee divided the LTC plan into two phases; phase A being our licensed Nursing Homes and phase B being Assisted Living and other LTC facilities. Phase B was activated in Tennessee on January 13, 2021. In both phases, Walgreens and CVS have scheduled three clinics at each facility with each one conducted at four-week intervals. It is anticipated all facilities in phase A will have completed their three clinics by the end of March 2021 and for facilities in phase B by the end of April 2021. The FPP will be considered complete after three clinics have been conducted in each eligible facility.

Plan After FPP Completion

To continue to support Tennessee's LTC facilities, the state has implemented the following options for ongoing COVID-19 vaccinations in LTC facilities.

Situation 1: 10 or more residents require vaccination

- a) The Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) has compiled a list of pharmacies (Attachment A) willing to partner with facilities, with all of these pharmacies currently onboarded with TDH and able to receive COVID-19 vaccine. To begin a partnership, the following process must be conducted:
 1. Prior to contacting a pharmacy, a facility must have 10 or more residents requiring vaccination. This is an acknowledgement of the difficulties in logistics when there are only small numbers of residents requiring vaccination.
 2. With reference to the list of participating pharmacies, contact a pharmacy in your vicinity to assess the pharmacy's availability to partner with your facility. Note that there is no obligation on the pharmacy side to partner with a facility.
 3. Once a partnership is confirmed, the partner pharmacy is responsible for ensuring they have vaccine on-hand to complete the clinic. If additional vaccine is required, the partner pharmacy is to request vaccine through the TDH vaccine request Redcap which, as of 3/18/21, is due each Monday.
 4. Facility and pharmacy jointly arrange a mutually agreeable date and time for the first clinic. If additional vaccine is required, it may take up to 3 weeks for vaccine to be delivered to partner pharmacy.
 5. Facility completes any required paperwork as detailed by pharmacy prior to the clinic. Pharmacy completes all required vaccine reporting requirements.

6. Pharmacy returns to complete 2nd dose (if required) at the appropriate interval. 1st doses can be completed at this second clinic but be aware that alternate plans may need to be made for a resident receiving a first dose in the second clinic if the partner pharmacy is unable to attend for a third clinic.

Situation 2: 1 – 9 residents requiring vaccination

- a. Vaccination through local Health Department (HD) strike team
 1. Find your appropriate local or regional HD from the list <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>. Use the phone number/email address to request a strike team attend your facility. Note that there is no obligation that the HD assigns a vaccination strike team to a facility.
 2. If approved by the local/regional HD, facility and strike team jointly arrange a mutually agreeable date and time for the first clinic.
 3. Facility completes any required paperwork as detailed by strike team prior to the clinic. Strike team completes all required vaccine reporting requirements.
 4. Strike team then returns to complete 2nd dose (if required) at the appropriate interval. 1st doses can be completed at this second clinic and the strike team will return a 3rd time (if required) to complete vaccination series.
- b. Vaccinate at local HD with TN Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) support
 1. TCAD are coordinating assistance with transport to local HD in specific circumstances
 2. Find appropriate point of contact from the attached approved list (attach) and contact requesting assistance
 3. POC will provide needed assistance including transport, booking, and resolving other issues
- c. Vaccinate at local HD using individual/facility resources
 1. For those able to ambulate, local HDs are using an online signup system.
 2. Have each resident go to <https://vaccinate.tn.gov/> and complete the registration process and select an available vacant vaccination time
 3. Attend appointment at assigned time making sure appropriate ID is brought along with resident.
 4. Each HD has a different system for ensuring 2nd doses (if appropriate) are delivered which will be confirmed at the first appointment.
- d. Vaccinate through local pharmacy outside of a partnership
 1. With more pharmacies being onboarded each day to deliver vaccinations, a local pharmacy may be able to attend your facility or set aside a time at the pharmacy to cater for your residents.
 2. Pharmacies and their vaccine availability can be found on <https://vaccinefinder.org/>. Contact details for each pharmacy are also available on that website
 3. Each pharmacy has a different system for ensuring 2nd doses (if appropriate) are delivered which will be confirmed at the first appointment

Situation 3: Staff requiring vaccination

For staff requiring vaccination, the quickest path to vaccination is through booking an appointment with their local HD at <https://vaccinate.tn.gov/> or receiving a vaccination at a local pharmacy. Pharmacies and their vaccine availability can be found on <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

How to Confirm Resident Vaccination Status

For Healthcare Providers and Other Agencies

Healthcare providers and other authorized agencies may request an individual's TennIIS immunization record. To begin a TN immunization record request, please call the TDH at (615) 741-7247 and provide the following information about the person whose record is needed:

- Individual's full name (*first, middle, and last name*)
- Individual's maiden name and/or all previous last names
- Individual's date of birth
- Requestor's name and contact information (*organization/facility name, address, phone number, and email address*)

Once the request has been received, TDH staff will check to see if TennIIS contains any immunization records for the individual and will follow up.

If an immunization record is found in TennIIS, TDH staff will email, fax, or mail a *State of Tennessee Immunization Record Request* form that must be completed and signed, and then emailed, faxed, or mailed back to TDH before the release of a record can be authorized. Healthcare providers may submit their own Record Request/Release of Information forms by email to TennIIS.Records@tn.gov or fax to (615) 401-7659. Further information can be found at: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/imm-record-request.html>.