

**Message to VHHA/Virginia Hospitals:
Linking LTCFs to Vaccines as CDC Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Ends**

As the CDC Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care (LTC) comes to an end, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has stood up a LTCF Vaccination Coordination Team to address the ongoing vaccination needs of these facilities. We anticipate that LTCFs will need Pfizer vaccine for 2nd doses for anyone who received a first dose under the Federal Pharmacy Partnership and for various reasons, did not receive their second dose during the 3 clinic visits. This is because only the Pfizer vaccine was used for the federal partnership in Virginia. Additionally, there may be new admissions to LTCFs that received their first dose of vaccine from another source (such as a hospital where they were an inpatient). Lastly, LTCFs will continue to have new staff come on board as well as new admissions that will need first and second doses of COVID-19 Vaccine. Going forward, we plan to use Moderna vaccine and/or single-dose vaccines to meet the needs of the LTCF staff and residents.

We are asking hospitals in Virginia to assist us in three ways:

1. If you are planning to vaccinate in-patients that are likely to transfer to LTCFs upon discharge, we ask that you preferentially vaccinate with Moderna's vaccine or single-dose series vaccines as they become available. However, please do NOT pass up an opportunity to vaccinate someone if only Pfizer is available.
2. If LTCFs are asking for assistance with vaccinations for their staff and residents, please provide them the attached information sheet, which provides instructions on how to request assistance from the VDH LTCF Vaccination Coordination Team.
3. When requested on a case-by-case basis, help facilitate redistribution of small amounts of Pfizer vaccine to other providers so that they can vaccinate LTCF residents. (The redistribution requests should come from and be facilitated by the VDH LTCF Vaccination Coordination Team.)

For questions, please contact mounika.bazar@vdh.virginia.gov. Thanks again for your help and support!