



Indiana
Department
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Health

Long-term Care **NEWSLETTER**

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DO NOT FORWARD THIS EMAIL BEYOND THOSE WHO QUALIFY

Dear Long-term Care Leadership:

Please send the below information to your healthcare workers that meet the below criteria:

- *Do you work or volunteer in healthcare and have (physical or close) contact or face to face interactions with patients?*
 - *This includes all clinical and non-clinical positions: clinicians, dietary, environmental services, administrators who have direct contact with patients, clergy who see patients in the healthcare setting, non-clinicians who assist in procedures, transportation staff, etc.*
- *Do you have exposure to COVID-19 infectious material? (such as cleaning of rooms or material from COVID-19 patients, performing COVID-19 testing, other exposure to infected tissue)*

Please be aware that this is the only notification about vaccine registration your staff will receive at this time. Additionally, licensed providers may get an email with the same link at a later date through PLA that they can ignore or use if they have not already scheduled. Please note that vaccine is limited at this time. Staff are invited to come to the vaccine locations, or they may wait until your scheduled time with CVS or Walgreens.

Please tell your staff that the invitation is only for the recipient and they are not to share the link with anyone else and be sure to include the attached guidelines that describe the scheduling process.

Yours in health,

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A message from the Indiana Department of Health to healthcare workers:

You are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Please make an appointment here: <https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine> using Firefox or Chrome. You can also use your mobile device. The website will direct you to the right vaccination site for you. Instructions with screenshots are attached to help walk you through the process. You may make your appointment now to receive vaccination at a nearby vaccination locations, or opt to get vaccinated later as part of a pharmacy outreach program at your facility.

This registration link is for eligible healthcare workers only at this time due to limited vaccine supply. This includes frontline hospital and long-term care staff. If you need to reschedule your appointment for any reason, please visit <https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/C19VAXPublic/> (starting Dec. 14). Please tell the vaccine provider if you are currently ill or have ever had a severe allergic reaction.

The vaccine has been approved by the [FDA](#) for emergency use, and studies have found it safe and effective. It takes two doses for the vaccine to work, so after you receive your first dose, please make your appointment right away to receive your second dose. You will receive a link to make a second appointment for your convenience after you receive your first vaccine, and a few reminders as well.

Please provide correct insurance information. There will be no charge to you and health insurance is not required. Do not forward this notification or the link for scheduling.

More information is available at coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine.

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- [For a Patient - How to Schedule an Appointment for a Vaccine.pdf](#)