



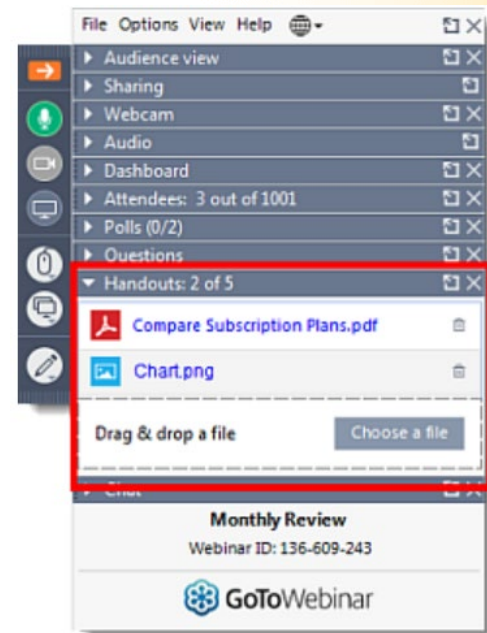
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**Welcome to the
ALF Provider
COVID-19 Webinar
with LTCR**

January 20, 2021

Handout

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Vaccine Reporting Overview

Reporting to...	...is....
HHSC via new emergency rules	Required for all NFs and ALFs <i>under all circumstances</i>
NHSN	Voluntary for any LTCF
<u>ImmTrac</u>	Only required for facilities that are a vaccine provider. Facilities that are vaccinated through a pharmacy or other outside agency do not report to <u>ImmTrac</u>
Local Health Department	Dependent on a facility's local health department requirements



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COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Emergency Rules

- Effective January 11.
- Requires ALFs to accurately report COVID-19 vaccination data for staff and residents to HHSC within 24 hours of completing a round of vaccinations.
- Allows HHSC to accurately track vaccinations of staff and residents in long-term care facilities in Texas.



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COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Emergency Rules

[Provider Letter 2021-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting](#)

PL includes the link to the vaccination data survey and clarifies that facilities are to report vaccinations administered by their facility or a pharmacy partner.

[Read the assisted living facility emergency rules \(PDF\).](#)



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PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Only report vaccinations occurring onsite at the facility; do not include vaccinations that occurred at an off-site pharmacy, doctor's office, local mass vaccination clinic, etc.
- Report vaccinations administered by the facility or a pharmacy partner.
- Do not provide cumulative numbers - do not include totals from previous reports in a new report.



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PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting for Staff

ALFs must report the following data to HHSC within 24 hours of completing a round of vaccinations:

- Total number of staff who received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine.
- Total number of staff who received their second dose of a two-dose vaccine.



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PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting for Residents

ALFs must report the following data to HHSC within 24 hours of completing a round of vaccinations:

- Total number of residents who received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine.
- Total number of residents who received their second dose of a two-dose vaccine.



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PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting

Report vaccination data via Survey Monkey tool.

Access the Survey Monkey tool via:

- Direct link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRD M2GY>
- [ALF Provider Portal](#) in COVID-19 Resources
- [PL 2021-01](#)



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PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting

Complete the survey only when you have information to report.

On days when no vaccines are administered, you do not need to complete the survey.



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Vaccination Reporting Requirements Webinar

A recording of the Jan. 13, 2021 NF/ALF Vaccination Reporting Requirements is available for those unable to attend.

[Listen to the webinar recording here.](#)

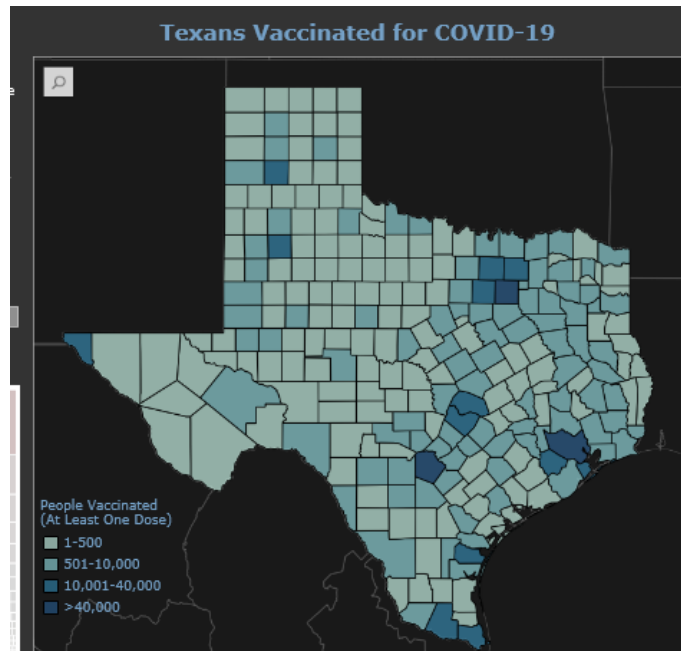


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COVID-19 Vaccination in Texas

DSHS vaccination dashboard:

https://tabexternal.dshs.texas.gov/t/THD/views/COVID-19VaccineinTexasDashboard/Summary?:origin=card_share_link&:embed=y&:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y



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DSHS FAQ: COVID-19 Vaccine

Q: Where can I find the latest FAQs from DSHS?

A: [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)

It is updated as information becomes available and has information about how to sign up as a vaccinator, as well as other vaccine related information.



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How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

If you missed signing up with the LTC Pharmacy partnership to get your vaccine you have two options:

- Contact DSHS and become a vaccine provider
- Work with a local pharmacy who can come to your facility to provide the vaccination



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COVID Vaccine Provider

If you want to be a facility that can provide vaccinations:

The first step to becoming a COVID-19 vaccine provider is registering through EnrollTexasIZ.dshs.texas.gov. Only providers registered through this site can receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.



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COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Hotline

DSHS Covid-19 Vaccine Provider
Hotline

877-835-7750

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or email:

COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov



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Note: Hotline is for Vaccine Providers

Vaccine Precautions

Q: Does getting the vaccine change the precautions such as cohorting, staffing, wearing face coverings?

A: No difference in the guidance on quarantine, PPE requirements, or other COVID-19 prevention measures.



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Vaccine Timeline

Moderna Versus Pfizer

Moderna

- 2 shots - one month (28 days) apart

[Information about the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)

Pfizer

- 2 shots - 21 days apart

[Information about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)



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Vaccine 2nd Dose

You can give the 2nd dose up to 4 days before the recommended 2nd dose date. If the vaccine is given late, it should be given as close to the recommended 2nd dose date as possible.

No matter how late it is, the series does not need to be restarted.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>



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Vaccination Phase 1B

Vaccination Phase 1B - People 65 and Older or With Certain Medical Conditions

DSHS News Release:

- [Vaccination Phase 1B](#)
- [Texas Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccine Priorities](#)



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Reporting Vaccine Reactions

There is a link to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) for reporting adverse reactions, which are very rare:

[VAERS](#)



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Vaccine Side Effects

Preliminary data from COVID-19 vaccine trials suggest that most post-vaccination symptoms are mild to moderate in severity.

- Most symptoms occur within the first 3 days of vaccination (the day of vaccination and following 2 days) and most of the symptoms occur the day after vaccination.

Symptoms timing:

- typically resolve within 1-2 days of onset
- more frequent and severe following the second dose
- more frequent and severe in younger people compared to those that are older (>55 years)



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Vaccine Side Effects

Q: Is it safe to give the vaccine to COVID positive residents/staff if they are asymptomatic (or symptomatic for that matter) and what about those in “unknown” status?

A: Vaccination should be deferred until recovery from acute illness (if person had symptoms) and criteria have been met to discontinue isolation. There is no minimum interval between infection and vaccine. However, current evidence suggests reinfection uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection, and thus persons with documented acute infection in the preceding 90 days may defer vaccination until the end of this period, if desired



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What to expect after getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

Common Side Effects

- On the arm where you got the shot:
 - Pain
 - Swelling
- Throughout the rest of your body:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Tiredness
 - Headache
- Symptoms **NOT** consistent Post-Vaccine
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell



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What to expect after getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

Helpful Tips

- To reduce pain and discomfort:
 - Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area.
 - Use or exercise your arm.
- To reduce discomfort from fever:
 - Drink plenty of fluids.
 - Dress lightly.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>



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CDC Post-Vaccine Considerations for HCP

Do not prevent staff with only post-vaccine symptoms from coming to work.

Strategies to minimize impact on staffing due to post-vaccine symptoms:

- Vaccinate staff before their days off.
- Stagger staff vaccinations.
- Educate staff about short-term signs and symptoms post-vaccination.
- Develop a strategy to assess staff with post-vaccination signs and symptoms.
- Offer paid sick leave for staff with post-vaccine symptoms

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-healthcare-personnel.html>



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Vaccine Resources

Questions related to the Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program: eocevent494@cdc.gov

CDC webpage for the Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program with FAQs for providers:

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

Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine registration can be sent to COVID-19 Registration Support:

- Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov
- Toll-Free: (877) 835-7750



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CDC Vaccination Toolkit

[Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility](#)

This toolkit outlines the importance of COVID-19 vaccination in LTCFs, provides strategies for encouraging COVID-19 vaccination, and includes tools a facility may use to monitor COVID-19 vaccination side effects among staff and residents.



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Essential Caregiver Vaccination

Essential Caregivers can be given the vaccine by the facility if all residents and staff wanting the vaccine have been vaccinated.

EC must meet criteria to receive vaccine.

EC vaccination not required to report.



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CDC Quarantine Guidance

The CDC still endorses the 14-day quarantine period, but has also provided alternate options:

- 10-day quarantine, without testing
- 7-day quarantine, with a negative COVID-19 test result on or after day 5

See CDC's [When to Quarantine](#) for more information.



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Alternate Quarantine

The CDC's alternative quarantine has some strict guidelines:

- Alternative #1 - Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing if the person has experienced no symptoms as determined by daily monitoring.
- Alternative #2 - Quarantine can end after Day 7 if the person tests negative on a viral test (i.e., molecular or antigen test) and has experienced no symptoms as determined by daily monitoring. The test must occur on Day 5 or later. Quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.

Both alternatives require that daily monitoring for fever and symptoms continue through day 14 after exposure.



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Staff Quarantine

Follow the CDC's [Return to Work Criteria](#) when an employee has confirmed or probable COVID-19 and requires isolation.



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Basics

- If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19, they should be treated like they have COVID-19
- Alternative quarantine options can only be used if the person has not had symptoms during the entirety of the 7 or 10 day quarantine period
- Anyone using the shortened quarantine period needs to continue to self-monitor for fever and symptoms for the entire 14 day period, even if they have been released from strict, in-home quarantine



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Quarantine Reminders

If a resident leaves and returns on the same day, they do not need to be quarantined unless they fail the screening upon return.

Quarantine the resident if:

- Upon return screening, the resident has fever or other COVID-19 symptoms,
- The resident spent one or more nights away,
- The resident had close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive or has symptoms of the virus, or
- Upon return screening, it is determined that during the visit they weren't able to follow all infection control protocol.



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Outbreaks and Essential Caregiver Visits

Essential caregiver visits are permitted in all ALFs for COVID-19 negative and unknown COVID-19 status residents.

Community or facility outbreaks do not require ending essential caregiver visits, unless local authorities impose stricter orders prohibiting visitation to a facility.



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Flu and COVID-19

With both flu and COVID-19 circulating, getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever. Learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones on the following sites:

- [FAQs: Flu and COVID-19](#)
- [Getting a Flu Vaccine during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19](#)
- [PL 20-50 Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccine Guidance during COVID-19](#)



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Flu & COVID-19

What You Need to Know - Webinar

- Jan. 21, 2021 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
[Register for the webinar.](#)
- Similarities and the differences between flu and COVID-19.
- Importance of getting a flu shot, and how flu vaccination along with good infection control practices protect everyone.



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DSHS Training Video

DSHS Video on Long-term Care Facilities COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Now Available

The Department of State Health Services has published a recorded training for long-term care providers on COVID-19 precautions to take and how to accomplish them.

[View the video training.](#)



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COVID-19 Resources

Available resources and tools for ALFs:

- [COVID-19 Response Plan](#) (3.6)
- COVID-19 Emergency Rules
 - [§553.2001](#)
 - [§553.2003](#)
 - [§553.2004](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions
 - [ALF FAQ](#) (Updated 12/16/2020)
- [Provider Letters](#)
- [Texas Division of Emergency Management](#) - interactive map for finding testing resources



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Public Health Regions

Map and contact info for all of the state's Public Health Regions:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/regions/default.shtm>



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Provider Letters

- [PL 20-37 Reporting Guidance for Long-Term Care Providers \(Revised\)](#)
- [PL 20-42 COVID-19 Response – Expansion of Reopening Visitation](#)
- [PL 20-46 Reporting Guidance for Long-Term Care Providers – Point-of-Care Antigen Testing \(Revised\)](#)
- [PL 20-48 Transferring COVID-19 Positive Residents](#)



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Provider Letters

- [PL 20-49 Process to Request Free COVID-19 Point of Care Antigen Test Kits \(Revised\)](#)
- [PL 20-50 Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccine Guidance during COVID-19](#)
- [PL 20-53 Guidance for Activities, Dining, and Volunteers](#)
- [PL 21-01 COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting](#)



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Webinar Recordings and PDFs

Access recordings and PDFs of previous ALF webinars from the [ALF Portal](#).

Click on COVID-19 Resources to expand the accordion to access resources and webinars.

- [January 13, 2021 – ALF COVID-19 Q&A Webinar Slides \(PDF\)](#)
- [January 13, 2021 – ALF COVID-19 Q&A Webinar Recording](#)



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To sign-up for Alerts:

- Go to:
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>
- Enter your email address.
- Confirm your email address, select your delivery preference, and submit a password if you want one.
- Select your topics.
- When done click "Submit."



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LTC Ombudsman



Patty Ducayet

State Long-term Care Ombudsman

Telework Phone: (737) 704-9075

https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/news_info/ombudsman/

Statewide Intake for an LTC Ombudsman:

Phone: (800) 252-2412 or

Email: ltc.ombudsman@hhs.texas.gov

Facebook Live Events

Weekly Facebook Live Q&A for Families of LTC Residents:

Every Wednesday, 12:15 to 12:45

<https://www.facebook.com/texasltcombudsman?fref=ts>



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FAQ

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COVID-19 Page

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>

ALF Provider Portal

<https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/assisted-living-facilities-alf>



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Thank you!
