

January 29, 2021

Re: Third Round Vaccine Clinics

Dear Administrators:

Ohio's goals with the vaccination program are to save lives and slow the spread of the virus. Vaccine administration has been focused on reaching critical groups, which includes prioritizing the residents and staff of Ohio's skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in the Phase 1A distribution.

Through the federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, Absolute Pharmacy, CVS, PharmScript, and Walgreens provide end-to-end management of the COVID-19 vaccination process for many facilities. This includes scheduling, cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements.

On-site administration of these vaccines to residents and staff who choose to receive them began December 18, 2020 with participating pharmacies committing to three clinics at each facility. Many of you are preparing to host your third COVID-19 vaccination clinic with your pharmacy partner soon to administer outstanding second doses. As you know, retaining the continuity of care in a two-dose vaccine regimen is critical, and this is a reminder that no first doses will be administered at these last clinics. This means that only second-round vaccines will be administered at the third clinic.

We are prepared to launch a state strategy in February to provide vaccine for anyone who didn't receive it or is newly admitted or hired into the facility. By partnering with long-term care pharmacies, your facility will have the predictability and flexibility needed to support your efforts to administer vaccines. At the same time, we are receiving ideas and discussing opportunities for new first-dose recipients with our federal partners.

Thank you for your continued prioritization of the health and safety of your residents, staff, and families. We will continue to work closely with your respective associations and leaders to provide the best assistance to your facilities throughout this emergency.

Sincerely,



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