

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE NORTH

COVID 19 Resident Vaccination Policy

Policy: All residents who have no medical contraindications to the vaccine will be offered the COVID 19 vaccine through our local in-house pharmacy, PCA Pharmacy. PCA shall provide pertinent information about the significant risks and benefits of vaccines to residents/resident representatives; for example, risk factors that have been identified for specific age groups or individuals with risk factors such as allergies or pregnancy.

Purpose: To maximize COVID-19 vaccination rates in the facility will help reduce the risk residents and staff have of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines:

Obtaining and offering the COVID-19 Vaccine

1. The COVID 19 vaccine shall be offered to residents (or their representatives if they cannot make health care decisions) and through on-site local pharmacy (PCA Pharmacy) COVID 19 vaccination clinics per CDC and/or FDA guidelines, unless the vaccine is medically contraindicated, or the resident has already been immunized during this period or the individual refuses the vaccine. Residents have the right to refuse the vaccination.
2. Residents may also receive the vaccine off-site (local hospital, large chain pharmacy) if they chose.
3. In the case of lack of availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, or other issues with the availability leading to an inability to implement the COVID-19 vaccine program, the facility will demonstrate attempts to order vaccines have been exhausted, including LTC pharmacies and the state health department.
4. All residents/representatives will be educated on the COVID-19 vaccine they are offered, in a manner they can understand, including information on the benefits and risks consistent with CDC and/or FDA information. This education will at a minimum include the FDA EUA Fact Sheet for the vaccine (s) being offered until such time that the CDC creates a vaccine information sheet (VIS).
 - [Pfizer-BioNTech](#)
 - [Moderna](#)
 - [Janssen \(Johnson and Johnson\)](#)
5. All residents/representatives will be offered the opportunity to ask questions about the risk and benefits of vaccination.

6. If the vaccine involves two doses, resident/representatives will be provided with the same counseling indicated above, including risks, benefits, and the EUA fact sheet, before requesting consent for the second dose. Resident/representatives will also be given information regarding booster doses and when they are eligible for the booster.
7. For those who receive the vaccine, the date of vaccination, lot number, expiration date, person administering, and the site of vaccination will be documented by PCA Pharmacy on vaccine cards.
8. The Infection Preventionist will maintain surveillance data on COVID 19 vaccine coverage and reported rates of COVID 19 among residents.
9. Administration of the COVID 19 vaccine will be made in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations at the time of the vaccination.

Documenting COVID-19 Vaccine

1. The facility will maintain documentation for all residents COVID-19 vaccination.
2. For residents, the information will be documented in their medical record.
3. For residents who refuse, the facility will ask that individual to sign a COVID-19 vaccine declination form and maintain a copy of the form.
4. The facility will report on a weekly basis via NHSN, the COVID-19 vaccination status of residents and staff, total numbers of residents and staff vaccinated, each dose of vaccine received, COVID-19 vaccination adverse events, and therapeutics administered to residents for treatment of COVID-19.

References:

- [AHCA/NCAL Get Vaccinated Campaign](#)
- [CDC Toolkit on COVID-19 Vaccines in LTC](#)
- [CDC Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes](#)