



On May 11, 2021, CMS released [interim final rule CMS-3414-IFC](#) requiring nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs) to educate and offer COVID-19 vaccination to all residents and staff. The rule additionally requires nursing homes to report vaccination rates for residents and staff and resident use of therapeutics to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This rule goes into effect May 21, 2021.

CMS has outlined in memo [QSO-21-19-NH](#) survey protocols for assessing compliance with these requirements. Specifically, CMS will investigate how residents and staff are educated about and offered the COVID-19 vaccine, including reviewing samples of education materials, sign-in sheets from in-services provided, and interviewing residents and staff.

Additionally, surveyors may review information provided to residents and staff in the event that the provider was unable to immediately offer the COVID-19 vaccine, including information on alternative methods the resident and staff may engage in to access vaccine, as well as attempts the provider made to obtain vaccine.

Compliance with reporting requirements will be assessed through off-site data review.

To assist providers in compliance with these requirements, CMS has recommended a number of resources, compiled below along with additional helpful resources.

Resources to Assist with Vaccine Education

CDC Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/>

COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheets: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html#:~:text=For%20each%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine,an%20informed%20decision%20about%20vaccination>

COVID-19 Vaccination Training Programs and Reference Materials for Healthcare Professionals: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-Clinical-Training-and-Resources-for-HCPs.pdf>

Immunization Action Coalition - for education and implementation materials: <https://www.immunize.org/handouts/covid19-vaccines.asp>

CDC's Clinical Resources for COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Long-Term Care Facilities COVID-19 Vaccination (landing page for LTC information, including the toolkit): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-home-long-term-care/vaccination.html>

Best Practices Guidance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html

Vaccine Recipient Information: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Fhcp%2Ftalking-to-patients.html

HHS COVID-19 Public Education Campaign: <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/>

Pathway Health Vaccination Toolkit (requires LeadingAge login): <https://leadingage.org/covid-19-nursing-home-toolkits-and-resources>

LeadingAge Coronavirus Vaccine Information and Resources: <https://leadingage.org/covid-19-vaccine-information-and-resources>

Resources to Assist with Vaccine Administration

Understanding the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>

Understanding the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/index.html>

CDC Find a Vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccinations Currently Authorized in the United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-residents.html>

Resources to Assist with Vaccine and Therapeutics Reporting

Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>

Healthcare Personnel and Resident COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Module <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>