

Long-term Care COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Planning: Baseline Assessment

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The MDH Long-term Care (LTC) Battle Plan team, in collaboration with fellow state and regional response partners, is actively working to develop a plan for booster vaccinations in LTC. As you may have heard, our federal partners have a goal of launching boosters the week of September 20th. Our goal is to have this next phase in the vaccination process rolled out as quickly and smoothly as possible. MDH is working with LTC facilities and vaccine providers to understand their current capabilities and planning efforts, as well as developing plans to provide support to facilities in need.

The MDH LTC Battle Plan team has developed a short survey of questions that captures information regarding: current vaccination process, current vaccine provider, and potential needs/gaps to be addressed. This information will assist in exploring statewide solutions to identify gaps and maintain an updated level of situational awareness.

Please complete this survey by Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Survey link: <https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=EA37MFEFJWJCN3AR>

We also encourage you to begin preparing for implementation of booster shots in your facility as soon as possible after they are authorized. Initial steps you can take include:

- Identify which model fits your current vaccination status: [Vaccine Provider Models for Continuing COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts in Minnesota Long-term Care Facilities](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/lcvoxmodel.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/lcvoxmodel.pdf>).
- Initiate communications with your current vaccine provider.
- Explore feasibility of gathering resident and staff vaccination records (e.g., name, vaccine type, date of doses, estimated date for booster shot).
- Outline a potential strategy (e.g., schedule vaccination event based on first batch of eligible residents/staff, partner with local LTC provider to host event, explore incentives, etc.).

Thank you!

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