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**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY: Preventable Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Outbreaks and Hospitalizations**

This advisory is directed to medical providers caring for long term care facility residents in Marin County, urging RSV vaccination to prevent further facility-based RSV outbreaks, hospitalizations, and deaths.

**Background:**

[RSV is spreading](#) among residents in long term care facilities (LTCF) in Marin County. Marin Public Health is currently following two RSV outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities, involving 4 hospitalizations and 1 death. There is now an effective vaccine against RSV, and these are considered preventable events.

RSV vaccination rates among residents of Marin County long term care settings are low. Several facilities have reported zero residents vaccinated against RSV. There is an [urgent need to get residents vaccinated against RSV](#).

The vast majority of LTCF residents are eligible for RSV vaccine. [Adults at highest risk for severe RSV](#) disease include older adults, adults with chronic medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, weakened immune systems, or who live in nursing homes or long term care facilities.

**Actions requested of medical providers caring for residents in long term care facilities and facility administrators:**

- Provide RSV vaccine to eligible patients being referred into long term care prior to transfer.
- Ensure your high-risk patients are up to date with all respiratory vaccines: RSV, Influenza, COVID-19, and Pneumococcus.
- Administrators should establish a process for eligibility review and access to RSV vaccine for all residents. The [RSV Vaccine](#) is new in 2023 and requires an order from a provider.
- Skilled Nursing Facility medical directors are uniquely positioned to support RSV vaccination within their facilities and should order vaccine for residents under their care.
- Optimize pharmacy supports to LTCFs for RSV vaccine, including on-site vaccination services. Marin County partners are included here:

Pharmacy Partners	
<b>CVS Omnicare:</b> <a href="http://www.omnicare.com/vaccineclinics">www.omnicare.com/vaccineclinics</a>	<b>Safeway</b> - Minimum 25 services Contact Lily Duong, PharmD <a href="mailto:Lily.Duong@Safeway.com">Lily.Duong@Safeway.com</a> , CC: <a href="mailto:Janet.Luo@safeway.com">Janet.Luo@safeway.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:Yasminda.Nguyen@safeway.com">Yasminda.Nguyen@safeway.com</a> . T: 510.363.6211
<b>Golden Gate Pharmacy (can vaccinate LTCF Residents who are insured by Kaiser)</b> Contact: Amanda Tiwari, PharmD <a href="mailto:amanda@ggprx.com">amanda@ggprx.com</a> T: 415-455-9042	
<b>Elements Pharmacy</b> Contact: Sherri Cherman <a href="mailto:sherri@elementspharmacyrx.com">sherri@elementspharmacyrx.com</a> <a href="https://www.elementspharmacyrx.com">https://www.elementspharmacyrx.com</a>	
<b>Other pharmacy partners: Skilled Nursing Pharmacy, Pharmerica, Rite Aid</b>	

- Re-familiarize yourselves with the federal and state Regulatory Vaccine Requirements, summarized here:
  - [AB1797](#) Requires California healthcare providers who administer vaccines to enter information about residents or clients into the [California Immunization Registry \(CAIR\)](#).
  - Federal regulations [42 CFR 483.80\(d\)\(3\)](#) and [42 CFR 483.460\(a\)\(4\)\(i\)](#) require that Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) offer COVID-19, Pneumococcal, and Influenza vaccines onsite.
  - CMS requires SNFs offer residents seasonal influenza vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine. [State Operations Manual, Appendix PP, Guidance for Surveyor to LTCFs. page 806](#)
  - [Federal Conditions of Medicare and Medicaid Participation](#)

Additional Resources:

Review [Marin County influenza and RSV activity on this page](#).

Share this [flyer on RSV in older adults](#) to raise awareness about vaccination.

RSV Vaccine information can be found on [this CDC web page](#), and is summarized in this [MMWR Report](#).

[Shared Clinical Decision-Making Tool for Providers: RSV Vaccination for Adults](#).