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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

COVID-19 Boosters for Long Term Care Facility Staff, Residents & Visitors

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Background

Since December 2020, Marin County Public Health has been leading countywide vaccination efforts as part of its emergency pandemic response. On September 24th, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [recommended](#) a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings, including long term care facilities (residents and staff).

While Marin County has achieved the [highest vaccinations rates](#) in the State, there is suboptimal COVID-19 booster coverage among staff and visitors of long-term care facilities. Marin County Public Health expects surges in cases related to the Omicron variant over coming days and weeks. Preventing outbreaks in long term care facilities will be a particular challenge. Evidence is clear that a booster dose protects against infection, serious illness, and death. It is critical for long term care facilities to ensure staff, residents, and visitors who are eligible have received their booster doses.

Actions Requested of Facility Administrators and Medical Directors

1. Complete [Vaccination Tracking Survey](#) no later than 5 PM on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.
2. Require COVID-19 booster vaccines for all eligible staff and residents
3. Require proof of COVID-19 booster vaccines for all eligible visitors.
4. Prepare staff for COVID-19 booster vaccine. All staff should receive as soon as possible.
 - a. COVID-19 Booster Fact Sheets - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
5. Assist staff scheduling booster appointments in Marin County at <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine>
 - a. Assist staff who live outside of the county to schedule appointments at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. Vaccine clinic appointments are readily available outside of Marin County.
6. All Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) should be enrolled in the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#). If you are not enrolled, complete the application in [myCAvax](#).
 - a. The COVID-19 Call Center for Providers can answer questions about program requirements, enrollment, and vaccine distribution (covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or (833) 502-1245).
7. If necessary, request support for COVID-19 vaccines from Marin County Public Health at <https://marincountyhc.jotform.com/211785878697076>. Due to high demand, anticipate delays in scheduling facility-based vaccine clinics.