

Why should long-term care facilities encourage the COVID-19 vaccine?



Protection

The vaccine protects the vulnerable residents you serve and makes your facility a safer place to live and work.

Resident Satisfaction

Higher vaccination rates lead to fewer COVID-19 outbreaks. This means more of the activities that make your facility great and less of the visitation restrictions and quarantines.

Staff Satisfaction

Prevent staff burnout from constant testing, increased PPE, and large workloads when other staff are out sick or quarantining for COVID-19.

Improved Staffing

Prevent staffing concerns with fewer staff being out sick or on quarantine for COVID-19 infection or exposure.

Save Time and Resources

Save precious time spent performing surveillance testing on unvaccinated staff. Vaccination also reduces the burn rate of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Fight the Variants

COVID-19 vaccines provide protection against the new variant strains.

Ways to encourage staff vaccination:

- Provide leave for staff to get vaccinated and recover from any symptoms they experience.
- Consider incentives like movie tickets, a pizza party, etc.
- Reduce the burden on staff for getting vaccinated:
 - Enroll your facility as a COVID-19 vaccine provider and administer the vaccine at your facility: <https://immunize.utah.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>.
 - Request pharmacy partners to come to your facility to vaccinate staff and residents. If you do not have a contracted pharmacy partner, contact a pharmacy by visiting: <https://forms.gle/6Rmp6BosEdZ8kyr2A>.
 - Find a vaccination location near your facility and take your staff and/or residents during work hours to get vaccinated by visiting: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>.

