

# COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic in PALTC: Lessons Learned

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# Early COVID 19 Vaccine Education

- ▶ Start COVID 19 Vaccine education early and often

- ▶ In-services, Town Halls
- ▶ Question and Answer session
- ▶ Posters
- ▶ AMDA Tool Kit

[https://profile.paltc.org/COVID19-Toolkit?\\_ga=2.39352033.317833614.1607487482-1063516187.1604256881](https://profile.paltc.org/COVID19-Toolkit?_ga=2.39352033.317833614.1607487482-1063516187.1604256881)

- ▶ Promoting Lay leaders in the facility
- ▶ Leadership talk about why they are getting vaccinated

- ▶ Be Positive about the COVID 19 Vaccine

- ▶ Discuss the benefits of vaccination
- ▶ Creating a Celebratory atmosphere, prizes

# Pre-Plan the Vaccine Clinic

- ▶ Pre-Planning for Vaccination Clinic is KEY
- ▶ Plan if patients will be vaccinated in their room or in a large, well ventilated common area
- ▶ Plan the flow of the vaccination clinic
  - ▶ Staff to bring patients to the vaccination area
  - ▶ What order of units/hallways
  - ▶ What residents will need to be vaccinated in their rooms
  - ▶ Residents first, then staff
  - ▶ Stagger Staff arrival that are not working (where will they wait to keep socially distant)
  - ▶ Stagger Staff vaccination who are working, order of units, dietary, housekeeping
- ▶ Always keep infection control in mind with the vaccination clinic

# Collaboration with Pharmacy

## ▶ Collaboration Questions

- ▶ Who and how many will be vaccinated
- ▶ Ensure the pharmacy will bring anaphylactic treatment medication (epi pen, diphenhydramine, albuterol inhaler)
- ▶ Understand what will be documented by the pharmacy (often they will not document which arm was used for the injection site, important for reactions)
- ▶ Have a designated facility Staff contact person for the pharmacy on the day of the vaccination clinic and ensure they introduce themselves when the pharmacists arrive

# Efficient Patient Flow

## ▶ Pre-Vaccination

- ▶ Transport residents to clinic area - only a few people in line for IPC
- ▶ Help residents with paperwork and getting to vaccinator

## ▶ Post Vaccination

- ▶ Who will monitor post vaccination
- ▶ Where will they be monitored (Have overflow space, as vaccinations can go fast)
  - ▶ Paper tape on clothing with the time of vaccination
  - ▶ Extra staff to monitor in different locations
- ▶ Transport residents back to their room after observation

# AHCA Checklist

<https://www.ahcancal.org/News-and-Communications/Pages/GetVaccinated.aspx>

▶ **TEMPLATE COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Checklist**

▶ **Expected Vaccine Clinic Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinic to be run by:**  CVS  Walgreens  LTC

**Pharmacy:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Facility**

**Coordinator: Name:**

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▶ **Tel:**

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▶ **Email:**

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**Point of Contact at Pharmacy: Name:**

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