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LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT RIGHTS AND THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

Under Chapter [70.129](#) RCW, every long-term care resident has the right to choose their own healthcare, including the right to receive information about vaccinations, and the right to receive a vaccination if they so desire. This includes the COVID-19 vaccine. If a resident or staff member requests the COVID-19 vaccine, the facility or provider must allow the resident or staff member to receive the vaccine.

If your facility or home did **NOT** enroll in the CDC Pharmacy Partnership COVID-19 Vaccine Program for Long-Term Care or with another pharmacy providing vaccines enrolled with the Department of Health (DOH), Residential Care Services staff will contact you within the next two weeks to obtain information about numbers of staff and residents needing vaccination. This information will be provided to DOH and used to match your facility or agency with an enrolled vaccine pharmacy.

If your facility **DID** enroll in the Pharmacy Partnership COVID-19 Vaccine Program for Long-Term Care and you have not yet been contacted by Walgreens or CVS, submit a request for assistance to: covid.vaccine@doh.wa.gov.

For additional information about vaccines in multiple languages, click on this [link](#), then change the setting of the language at the “Additional Languages” drop box.

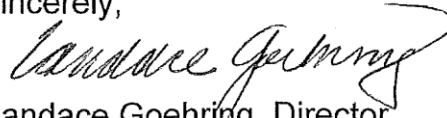


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Once the language has been changed, you can then choose the box for the vaccine you want information on.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director
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