



## Protect your residents and get them vaccinated today!

Vaccines provide protection from severe illness due to many diseases and are a vital component of routine healthcare. In Los Angeles County, three out of four adults are missing at least one or more vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), leaving them at risk for serious diseases. Since adults living in long-term care facilities, such as skilled nursing facilities, may be even more vulnerable to severe disease from these infections, vaccinating them is especially crucial to their safety and wellness. Utilizing [California Immunization Registry \(CAIR2\)](#) can help your facility implement strategies to increase adult vaccine rates.

### ASSESS each resident's immunization status upon admission

- Stay informed and get the latest evidence-based vaccine recommendations for adults from the CDC [here](#).
- Review the immunization status for each resident upon admission to determine which vaccines are due or overdue.
- Make sure your residents are up to date for all age-appropriate or medically indicated vaccines by conducting routine assessments (at least once a year).
- Use your facility's electronic medical record system or [CAIR2 to track and run reports](#) on your residents' vaccinations.

### Make a STRONG recommendation for vaccines

- Share tailored and empowering messages of why vaccination is important for the safety and wellness of the residents.
- Include not only the residents but also their families and medical decision makers in these communications.
- Involve the medical director, treating medical providers, and the interdisciplinary teams (IDT) in strongly recommending vaccines. A trusted healthcare provider's recommendation is associated with patients staying up to date with their immunizations.
- Highlight the safety and effectiveness of vaccines in preventing severe illness.
  - [Flyer: Vaccines for Older Adults](#)
  - [Flyer: Three Important Reasons for Adults to Get Vaccinated](#)

### Strategies to increase immunizations in long-term care facilities

- Use the [CAIR2 reminder system](#) to remind residents or their medical decision makers they or their residents are due for an immunization.\*
- Routinely include immunizations as part of the IDT plan for each resident. \*
- If your facility does not stock vaccines, create a referral process to a nearby provider/pharmacy. Establish a system to help schedule appointments with residents' primary care providers and ensure follow up.\*\*
- Implement best practices for improving vaccination coverage against COVID-19 and beyond in [skilled nursing facilities](#)\* and other [long-term care facilities](#)\*\*.

\* Applies only to skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities (all license types), congregate living health facilities (all license types) and other facilities that provide medical care directly to their residents.

\*\* More appropriate for non-healthcare long-term care facilities that do **not** provide direct medical care to their residents, including but not limited to assisted living, adult residential, residential care facility for the elderly, continuing care retirement communities, etc.

### REQUIRED\*: Document all vaccines in CAIR2

**CAIR2 (California Immunization Registry):** Reporting of all immunization doses administered is required for all healthcare providers in California, including skilled nursing facilities\*, [effective Jan 1, 2023](#).

- Enroll in [CAIR2](#) to report vaccines administered at your site. Once enrolled, visit the [log in page](#) for CAIR2.
  - [Guide to Using the Manage Patient Status Feature](#)
  - [Use of CAIR2 Ad Hoc List Report to Generate list of Patients Who Have Received Vaccine](#)

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