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Status and Respiratory Infection  
Reminder

Dear Nursing Home Operators and Administrators:

The New York State Department of Health ("Department") continues to recognize viral respiratory infections including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus as ongoing threats to the health of long-term care facility residents and staff. This update details the COVID-19 vaccination efforts of our nursing homes and reinforces the Department's expectations for offering and administering recommended vaccines to residents and staff for all three viral respiratory illnesses.

## As of November 18, 2025:

- The total number of residents in New York State nursing homes is **98,761**.
- The total number of residents who are reported up to date per guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with their COVID-19 vaccine is **47,355**. This accounts for **48%** of the total number of residents in New York State nursing homes.
- The total number of consenting New York State nursing home residents who are awaiting administration of the updated COVID-19 vaccine is **4,020**. This accounts for **4%** of the total number of residents in New York State nursing homes.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccines administered to nursing home residents in New York State in the **previous seven days is 3,151**.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes reporting is **594**.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes reporting residents who are up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine is **567**. This accounts for **96%** of the total number of New York State nursing homes.

In accordance with Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, Section 664.1(a-c), the Department expects that all nursing homes take the necessary steps to offer and administer recommended vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 to all consenting residents and healthcare personnel, in accordance with Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, Section 66-4.1(a-c).

Please note that co-administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines is safe and effective and endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For more information, please visit:

[COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for information related to the COVID-19 vaccine;

[Preventing Seasonal Flu](#) for information related to flu vaccines;

[Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunizations](#) for information related to respiratory syncytial virus vaccines; and

[Preventing Transmission of Viral Respiratory Pathogens in Healthcare Settings](#) for information on infection control measures for viral respiratory infections.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please email [covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov](mailto:covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov).

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