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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 25, 2025:

- The total number of residents in New York State nursing homes is 98,980.
- 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 47,880. 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 **4,023**. 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 2,938.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes reporting is **595**.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes reporting residents who are up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine is 574. This accounts for 97% of the total number of New York State nursing homes.

In accordance with Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, Section 66-4.1(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;

<u>Preventing Transmission of Viral Respiratory Pathogens in Healthcare Settings</u> for information on infection control measures for viral respiratory infections; and

COVID-19 Disease Burden and Vaccination for statistics and current information.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please email covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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