

Friends and Family Vaccination Clinic

A Toolkit for Nursing Homes

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States are safe and effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19 and limiting the spread of the virus that causes it. These vaccines are approved for adults and children over the age of 5.

From December 2020 through March 2022, more than 558 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the United States. Yet pockets of unvaccinated adults and children remain a threat to the health and well-being of nursing home staff and vulnerable residents.

This toolkit is designed to support the efforts of Nursing Homes in hosting on-site COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for Friends and Family. The primary benefit is additional protection of nursing home residents and staff from exposure to unvaccinated individuals who may be carrying COVID-19. Nursing homes can generate positive relationships with the community at large by opening these events to the entire community with a special focus on friends and family members of staff and residents. Partnering with your local Department of Health, local pharmacies and consultant pharmacists, and community-based organizations to offer participants vaccines as well as access to vital community resources is another way to build solid relationships that contribute to the overall wellness of the geographic area you serve.

In this Toolkit you will find

- Checklist for planning the logistics of your Vaccination Clinic
- Patient safety checklist
- Sample consent form
- Sample letter inviting friends and family members to attend
- Customizable sample flyer for you to help promote your event in the community
- Customizable sample press release to promote your event with local media
- Sample social media post to promote your event on your organization's Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn page

As always, our team of experts is available to provide individual technical assistance with program planning, including assistance with holding a virtual Resident and Family Council meeting to educate family members and residents and promote your event. We are happy to answer any questions you may have as you plan your event. Please feel free to contact Melanie Ronda, RN, Infection Preventionist, IPRO QIN-QIO at mronda@ipro.org if you have any questions or would like additional assistance.