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CHIRP Access for Long-Term Care Facilities

Long-term care facilities can now sign up for read-only access to Indiana's Children and Hoosier Immunization Program (CHIRP) for the purpose of checking resident COVID-19 vaccination status. Facilities who are not registered but want to be should contact [Vijay Pathangi](#), [Cameron Minich](#), or [Stephanie Bonnell](#). Each facility registering for CHIRP access must complete and submit two forms: the CHIRP [provider enrollment form](#) and the [user agreement form](#).

PLEASE NOTE: IDOH has granted this limited CHIRP access so facilities can check **resident** vaccination status (including new admissions). Facilities should not use CHIRP to check **staff** vaccination status, because such information can be learned by other means. If you have questions about this limitation, please email [Matt Foster](#).

Aerosol Generating Procedure in Progress Signage—OPTIONAL

[Aerosol Generating Procedure in Progress](#) signage has been developed for posting during and after an aerosol generating procedure. This signage will assist in identifying the need to recognize and follow proper infection control procedure related to aerosol generating procedures. The posting of this signage is **optional** for facilities.

Long-term Care Facility Communication Guidelines—CLARIFICATION

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The guidelines for the cumulative updates to residents, designated representatives, and families is changing from daily to **weekly**. In addition, anytime a confirmed COVID-19 infection is identified, or whenever three or more residents or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms occur within 72 hours of each other the facility must communicate this to residents, designated representatives, and families by next calendar day.
- The Ombudsman office is changing the submission of COVID-19 information from weekly to **monthly**.

Complete information is available in the updated [LTC Toolkit](#).

Contact Information for LTC Pharmacies—State Maintenance Vaccine Option

We have contact information for pharmacies enrolled as providers with IDOH as part of the “state option” maintenance vaccine program for long-term care facilities. Enrolled pharmacies needing vaccine to administer at facilities should email their requests to both [Dave McCormick](#) and [Jill King](#) in the IDOH Immunization Program. Anyone with questions about enrolling as a provider or needing technical assistance should email [Vijay Pathangi](#).

Complete information is available from the CDC: [Travel During COVID-19](#)