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TO: Assisted Living Residences Executive Directors
FROM: Executive Office of Elder Affairs Secretary Elizabeth Chen
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Administration
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Thank you for helping to make the Commonwealth a leader in vaccination against COVID-19. Over 99% of individuals over age 65 years have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Commonwealth will continue to offer multiple pathways for COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters. Currently, over [800 retail pharmacies](#) administer COVID-19 vaccines, in addition to physician offices, clinics, and hospitals.

The Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program that helped to support vaccination efforts last winter will not be reinstated for booster deployment. **As we await FDA authorization and additional guidance from the CDC**, we encourage you to begin planning, and consider the following options:

- **Leverage Existing Pharmacy Partnerships or other Clinical Provider Relationships for an on-site clinic**

Registered vaccine providers may now order all COVID-19 vaccines in smaller quantities than was previously allowed, and directly through the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). Please see the Weekly Vaccine Provider Bulletin for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-program-mcvp-guidance-for-vaccine-providers-and-organizations#weekly-provider-bulletins>

FEMA reimbursement for vaccination clinic costs has been extended through the end of calendar year 2021.

- **Provide Transportation to Vaccine Providers in the Community**

Your local Board of Health or Council on Aging may be planning a clinic.

- **Encourage Residents and Staff to Pursue Boosters on Their Own**

You may want to provide information to residents about booster options in the community.

Please contact ALRHelp@mass.gov if these avenues are not available to you. You may have heard about a federal portal supporting boosters, we recommend that you contact EOEa first if you have any questions.