

December 11, 2020



Greetings,

Our last round of COVID testing was conducted on Tuesday and miraculously our results have already been returned, all negative! The county positivity rate from CMS was last reported at 6.6% which is a decrease from last week. New Hampshire DHHS's county positivity rate dropped just below 5% as of Thursday. We are hopeful the downward trend continues but there currently 25 active cases in Berlin and 10 active cases in Gorham. Please continue to wear masks around other individuals and practice thorough hand hygiene to help keep one another healthy.

Through the result of collaborative work performed from experts from around the world the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COVID vaccines monitored by two independent studies. Distribution of this vaccine is in process and we are awaiting Walgreens vaccination schedule for St. Vincent's. We are actively working on completing the vaccination consent form and will email early next week to residents with an activated Power of Attorney, traditional mail will be used for POAs without an email. Attached you will find a copy of the vaccination record so you can see the form in advance, **we will be sending out the completed form for signature early next week.** When you receive the completed consent form please review section A-1 for accuracy, read section A-2 and sign, Section B-1 answer to the best of your knowledge only the highlighted questions and sign B-2, review Section C for accuracy. We strongly encourage individuals to be vaccinated, numerous education videos can be found online to assist in better understanding mRNA vaccines.

The family visits have been operating smoothly and our residents have pleased to see friends and family. As you are aware the visits are under a strict time limit, to ensure time is maximized some visitors have begun arriving early. To prevent bottlenecking and the potential of violating the 6ft distancing requirement please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early.

Our raffle for Christmas Eve and Day visits was held and unfortunately we had significantly more entries than we have for available visits. We apologize if your name was not selected.

Thank you,

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Vaccine Administration Record (VAR)

Informed Consent for Vaccination in Long Term Care Facility (LTCF)



SECTION A-1 Please print clearly.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Female Male Phone: _____

LTCF Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ Patient Email address: _____

I want to receive the following vaccination(s): **COVID-19 Vaccination**

SECTION A-2 I certify that I am: (a) the patient and at least 18 years of age; (b) the legal guardian of the patient; or (c) a person authorized to consent on behalf of the patient where the patient is not otherwise competent or unable to consent for themselves. Further, I hereby give my consent to Walgreens or Duane Reade and the licensed healthcare professional administering the vaccine, as applicable (each an "applicable Provider"), to administer the vaccine(s) I have requested above. I understand that it is not possible to predict all possible side effects or complications associated with receiving vaccine(s). I understand the risks and benefits associated with the above vaccine(s) and have received, read and/or had explained to me the EUA Fact Sheet on the vaccine(s) I have elected to receive. I also acknowledge that I have had a chance to ask questions and that such questions were answered to my satisfaction. Further, I acknowledge that I have been advised that the patient should remain near the vaccination location for observation for approximately 15 minutes after administration. On behalf of the patient, the patient's heirs and personal representatives, I hereby release and hold harmless each applicable Provider, its staff, agents, successors, divisions, affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, contractors and employees from any and all liabilities or claims whether known or unknown arising out of, in connection with, or in any way related to the administration of the vaccine(s) listed above.

I acknowledge that: (a) I understand the purposes/benefits of my state's vaccination registry ("State Registry") and my state's health information exchange ("State HIE"); and (b) the applicable Provider may disclose my vaccination information to the State Registry, to the State HIE, or through the State HIE to the State Registry, or to any state or federal governmental agencies or authorities ("Government Agencies"), such as state, county, or local Departments of Health or the federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, or their respective designees as may be required by law, for purposes of public health reporting, or to my healthcare providers enrolled in the State Registry and/or State HIE for purposes of care coordination. I acknowledge that, depending upon my state's law, I may prevent, by using a state-approved opt-out form or, as permitted by my state law, an opt-out form ("Opt-Out Form") furnished by the applicable Provider: (a) the disclosure of my vaccination information by the applicable Provider to the State HIE and/or State Registry; or (b) the State HIE and/or State Registry from sharing my vaccination information with any of my other healthcare providers enrolled in the State Registry and/or State HIE. The applicable Provider will, if my state permits, provide me with an Opt-Out Form. I understand that, depending on my state's law, I may need to specifically consent, and, to the extent required by my state's law, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the applicable Provider reporting my vaccination information to the Government Agencies, State HIE, or through the State HIE and/or State Registry to the entities and for the purposes described in this Informed Consent form. Unless I provide the applicable Provider with a signed Opt-Out Form, I understand that my consent will remain in effect until I withdraw my permission and that I may withdraw my consent by providing a completed Opt-Out Form to the applicable Provider and/or my State HIE, as applicable.

I understand that even if I do not consent or if I withdraw my consent, my state's laws or federal law may permit certain disclosures of my vaccination information to or through the State HIE or to Government Agencies as required or permitted by law. I further authorize the applicable Provider to: (a) release my medical or other information, including any communicable disease (including HIV), and mental health information, to, or through, the State HIE or Government Agencies to my healthcare professionals, Medicare, Medicaid, or other third-party payer as necessary to effectuate care or payment; (b) submit a claim to my insurer for the above requested items and services; and (c) request payment of authorized benefits be made on my behalf to the applicable Provider with respect to the above requested items and services. I further agree to be fully financially responsible for any cost-sharing amounts, including copays, coinsurance and deductibles, for the requested items and services, as well as for any requested items and services not covered by my insurance benefits. I understand that any payment for which I am financially responsible is due at the time of service or, if the applicable Provider invoices me after the time of service, upon receipt of such invoice. Walgreens may disclose your vaccination information from this visit for public health purposes and will send this information to the Medical Director or Administrator of the LTCF identified above. If you are an employee of the LTCF, Walgreens will send your vaccination information to your employer as required.

Print Name: _____ Patient/Authorized Person signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION B-1

SCREENING QUESTIONS. The following questions will help us determine your eligibility to be vaccinated today.

1. Do you feel sick today? Yes No Don't know
2. Do you have any health conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes or asthma?
If yes, please list: _____ Yes No Don't know
3. Do you have allergies to latex, medications, food or vaccines (examples: eggs, bovine protein, gelatin, gentamicin, polymyxin, neomycin, phenol, yeast or thimerosal)?
If yes, please list: _____ Yes No Don't know
4. Have you ever had a reaction after receiving a vaccination, including fainting or feeling dizzy? Yes No Don't know
5. Have you ever had a seizure disorder for which you are on seizure medication(s), a brain disorder, Guillain-Barré syndrome (a condition that causes paralysis) or other nervous system problem? Yes No Don't know
6. **For women:** Are you pregnant or considering becoming pregnant in the next month? Yes No Don't know

SECTION B-2 I certify that I am: (a) the patient and at least 18 years of age; (b) the legal guardian of the patient or representative of; or (c) a representative of the LTCF and, based upon clinical observation, have sufficient knowledge of the patient's condition to answer the Screening Questions. I also acknowledge that I have had a chance to ask questions and that such questions were answered to my satisfaction.

Patient/LTCF Representative: _____ Date: _____

SECTION C INSURANCE – PATIENT TO COMPLETE IF APPLICABLE

Please ensure to record BOTH pharmacy AND medical insurance information since there are multiple ways immunizations can be billed at Walgreens.

Non-Medicare:	Pharmacy Card	Medical Card	Medicare:	Medicare Part B
Insurance Plan/Plan ID:			Medicare Number*:	
Member/Recipient ID #:			*Medicare Claim Number for cards distributed earlier than 2018.	
RX BIN:		N/A		
RX PCN:		N/A		
Group Number:				

Is the patient the cardholder? Yes No

If no, please provide cardholders name, date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) and relationship: _____

SECTION D HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ONLY

Complete **BEFORE** vaccine administration

- I have reviewed the **Patient Information** and **Screening Questions**. Initial here: _____
- I have verified that this is the **vaccine requested** by the patient. Initial here: _____
- This vaccine is appropriate for this patient based on the **Age Guidelines and Other Guidelines** provided by federal and/or state regulations and company policies. Initial here: _____
 - Does this patient have a high-risk medical condition? Yes No
If yes, please list medical condition(s): _____
- The **Vaccine NDC matches** the NDC on the bottom of this VAR form and the NDC on the patient leaflet. (Perform **3-way NDC match**.) Initial here: _____
- I have verified the **Expiration Date** is greater than today's date and have entered the **Lot # and Expiration Date** in the field below. Initial here: _____

SECTION E Complete DURING the patient interaction

- I confirm(ed) the patient's **Name, DOB and Requested Vaccine** and verified it matches the information on the VAR form. Initial here: _____
- I have reviewed the **Screening Questions** and answers. Initial here: _____
- I provided a **EUA Fact Sheet** to the patient or the LTCF representative. Initial here: _____

SECTION F

Complete **AFTER** vaccine administration

Vaccine	NDC	Manufacturer	Dosage	<input type="checkbox"/> Dose 1	Site of administration	EUA Fact Sheet published date
				<input type="checkbox"/> Dose 2		

Clinician's name (print): _____ Clinician's signature: _____ Title: _____

If applicable, intern/tech name (print): _____ Administration date: _____ Date EUA Fact Sheet given to patient: _____

COVID-19 VACCINE LOT# _____ COVID-19 VACCINE EXPIRATION DATE _____

- Update the patient's record with any new allergy, health condition or primary care provider information.
- Enter vaccine lot #, expiration date and site of administration, then scan the VAR form into the patient's record.