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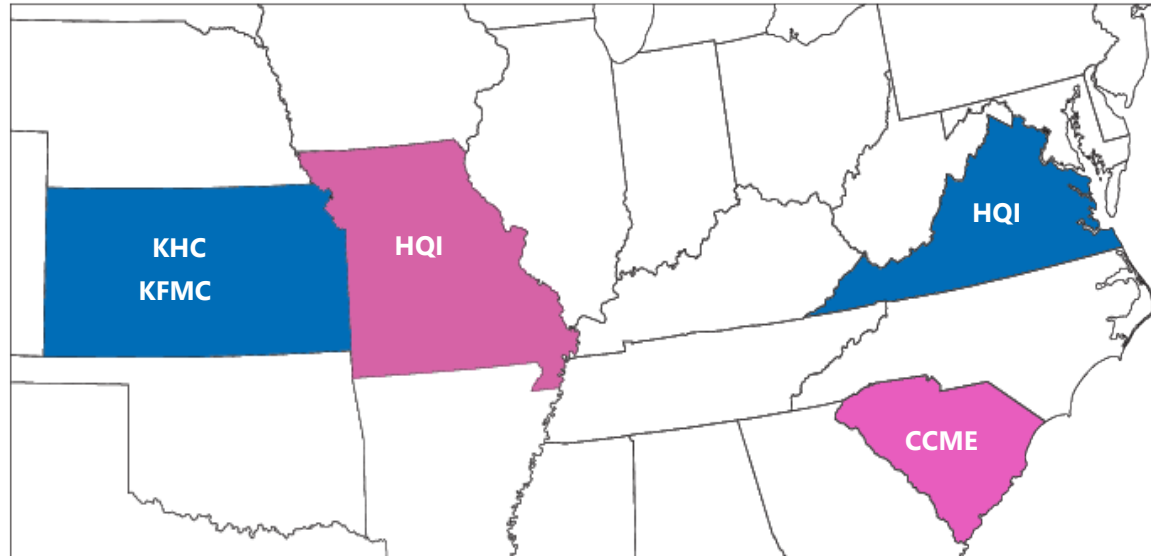
Weekly Dose Office Hours

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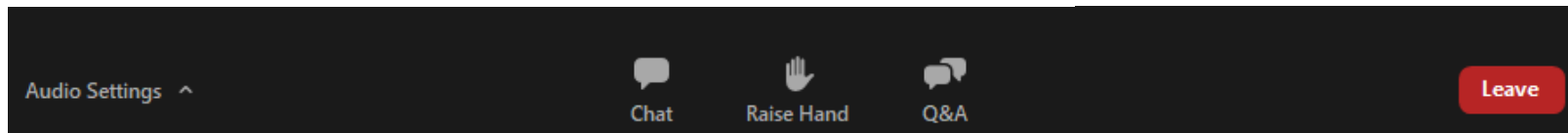
Strategies for Improved Vaccine Compliance

February 9, 2022

Health Quality Innovation Network



Logistics – Zoom Webinar



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Goals for Weekly Vaccine and Booster Education:

- Improving booster uptake
- Current knowledge updates
- A forum for vaccine and booster questions
- Interactive, peer-to-peer collaboration
- A “safe space” to talk
- Best practices and innovative idea sharing
- Tips for improving resident and staff safety

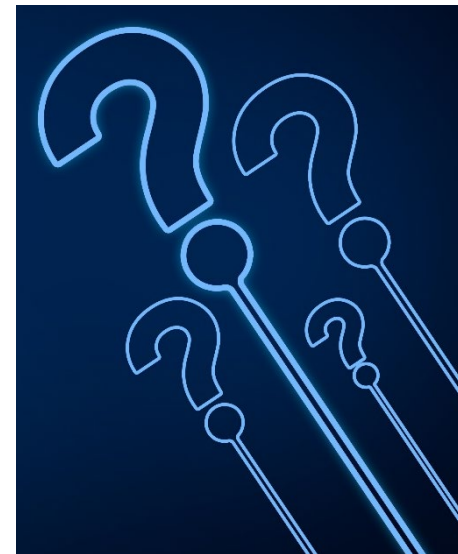


The content presented in this webinar is based on COVID-19 information and guidance as of the date of this session.

Polling Question 1

Are COVID-19 booster vaccines included in your facility's COVID-19 vaccination plan?

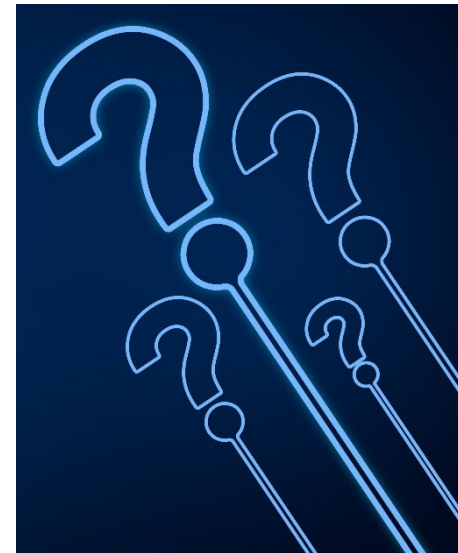
- A. Yes
- B. No



Polling Question 2

If your facility has a plan for administering COVID-19 vaccines, does the plan include providing specific education about boosters?

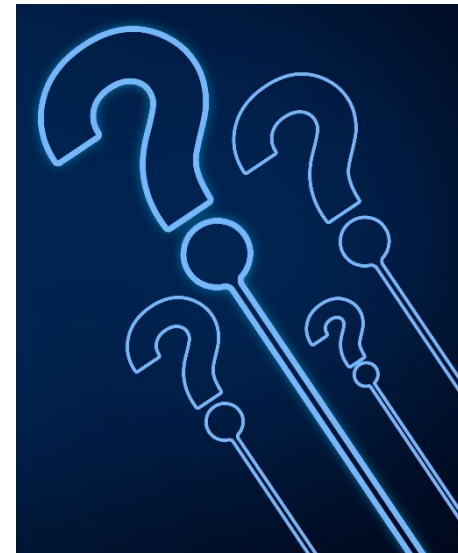
- A. Yes
- B. No



Polling Question 3

Has your facility established goals for providing boosters?

- A. Yes
- B. No



View the brief video:

[CDC studies: Booster shots needed against omicron](#)



COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Updates

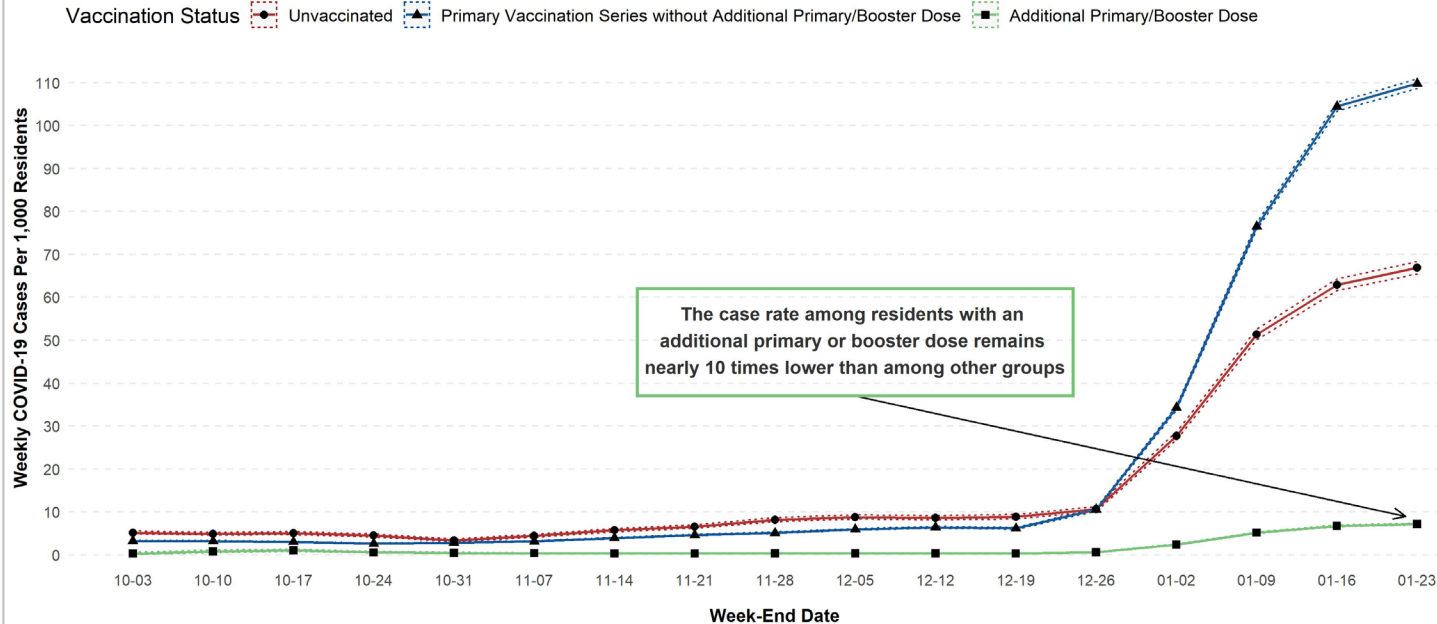
Get Vaccinated and Stay Up to Date

Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

Booster Doses: The Evidence is Clear

Unadjusted COVID-19 Cases Per 1,000 Nursing Home Residents, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Including Additional Primary and Booster Doses) and Week, United States



Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network
For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>
Note: Data reported in the most recent week may still be accruing.

Data as of 01/31/2022 05:30 AM

Scan to
view on
the CDC's
website:



COVID-19 Boosters are Critical for Residents

- COVID-19 boosters provide *optimal* protection.
- People with underlying conditions may get very sick.
- Research demonstrates that vaccine protection decreases over time.
- Residents who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster provide a safer environment for staff and other residents.



When the Focus is On the Process AND the Individual, You're ALL **SET!**

Sensitive Approach
Education
Timing



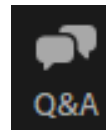
"Courage is contagious, every time we choose courage, we make everyone around us a little better and the world a little braver."

Brené Brown

Sharing Tips with Colleagues: What Works

What has your facility done to increase awareness about COVID-19 boosters?

Please click the Q&A button and type in your response



Examples:

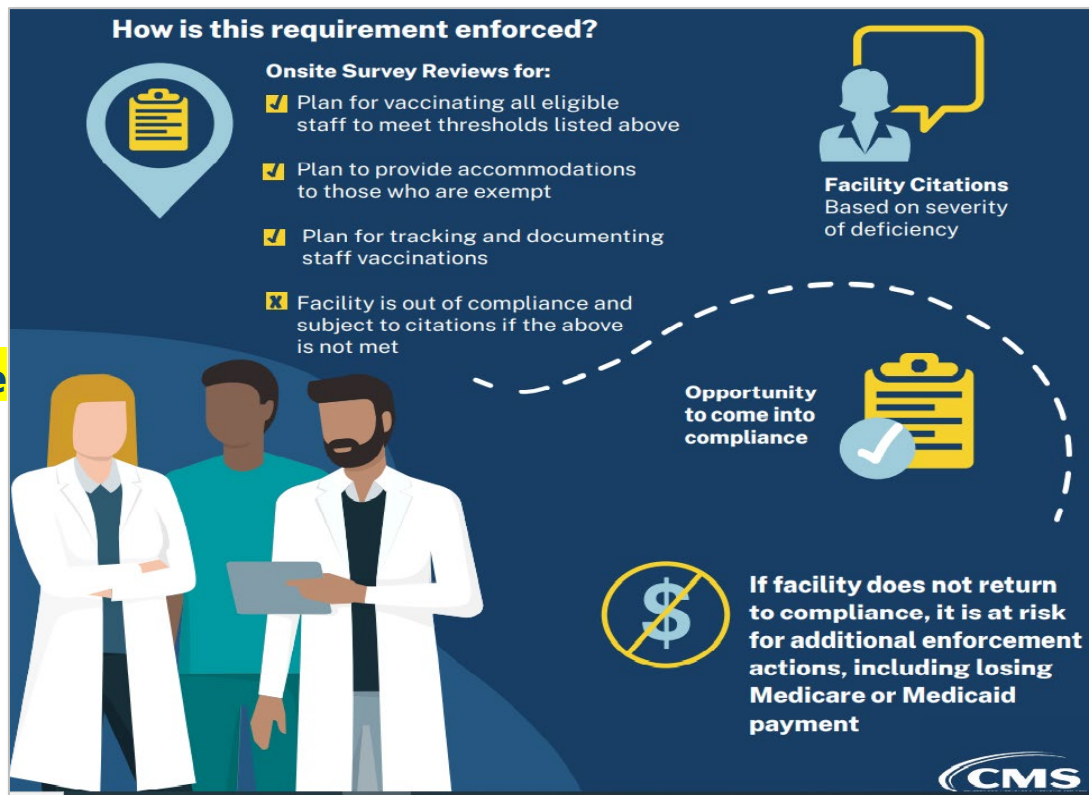
- We are talking to residents and family members/caregivers about the booster and the protection it provides.
- We are sharing education from the CDC about boosters with our residents; their family members and caregivers.

COVID-19 Vaccination **Return to Compliance** for Health Care Providers and Suppliers

Plan to Vaccinate

Plan to Accommodate

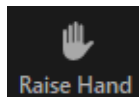
Plan to Track



[COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Health Care Providers and Suppliers \(cms.gov\)](https://www.cms.gov)

What Are Your Questions?

Share What is Working for Your Team!



Raise your hand to verbally ask a question



Type a question by clicking the **Q&A** icon

*Don't hesitate to ask a question after the webinar is over.
Email **LTC@hqi.solutions** or your HQIN Quality Improvement Advisor.*

Did **YOU** Get Your Weekly Dose?



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has referred your nursing home to us to help improve your resident and staff COVID-19 vaccination and booster rates. As your Medicare Quality Innovation Network – Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), our team of nursing home experts at the [Health Quality Innovation Network \(HQIN\)](#) is dedicated to helping you increase your vaccination rates through direct support, education, training, and tools and resources.

The Weekly Dose is a brief bulletin you will receive every week with the latest guidance and information to support vaccine uptake. As requested by CMS, in the coming weeks we will be contacting you to provide assistance with your vaccination administration efforts. You will be requested to submit your facility's COVID-19 vaccine booster rates. By routinely submitting your data, you are contributing to the global knowledge on how to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks and care for nursing home residents who contract the virus. **Sharing your data makes a difference.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided options for long-term care administrators and managers to consider when [coordinating access to COVID-19 vaccines](#) for residents and staff.

Learn about the state and local immunization programs available in your area that can assist you with vaccine administration in the community or on-site.

[Visit CDC's COVID-19 Access in LTC Setting Webpage](#)



What we need

Tools to Help Meet Your Goals

HQIN Resources

- [COVID-19: Best Practices for Patient Communication](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination & Booster Tracking Tool](#)
- [Vaccination Administration Process Guide – A Checklist for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

Additional Resources

- [V-safe Poster](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)
- [Booster Clinics Pharmacy Partnerships](#)
- [ACIP Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#)
- [Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized or Approved in the United States](#)



Next Session:
Wednesday, February 16
2:00 p.m. EST | 1:00 p.m. CST

**Hit the Easy Button:
Coordinating Vaccine
Co-administration**



Weekly Dose Office Hours: Communication Bites for Staff

Weekly text or email messaging:

If you mix and match your vaccination booster you still only need one booster. Example: You got Pfizer first and second to be fully vaccinated and then you took Moderna for your booster to be up to date.

[COVID-19 Vaccines that Require 2 Shots | CDC](#)

Post in your building



**Get vaccinated.
Get your smartphone.
Get started with v-safe.**

Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second vaccine dose.

Sign up with your smartphone's browser at vsafe.cdc.gov

OR

Aim your smartphone's camera at this code



Learn more about **v-safe** www.cdc.gov/vsafe

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[Get vaccinated.](#)
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