

Summary

- SARS-CoV-2 infections are increasing in nursing home staff and residents
- The number of nursing homes reporting large outbreaks is increasing
- We have an urgent need for long-term care messaging:
Wear a mask and get vaccinated!

CDC recommends urgent action:

- Get vaccinated as soon as possible. Residents, staff, and visitors should be fully vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - Wear a mask regardless of vaccination status:
 - » Nursing home staff should continue to use source control when around residents.
 - » Visitors should use a mask (source control) when in the public areas of the facility (such as hallways and common areas). It is also safest to use a mask when visiting privately with residents.
 - » Residents should be encouraged to wear a mask when outside of their room, especially when unvaccinated or when in counties with high rates of COVID-19.
- Stay home if you feel ill: Do not go to work or visit a nursing home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or feel ill.
- Get tested: Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure, **regardless of vaccination status**, should receive a viral test immediately.

Ensuring access to COVID vaccine for LTCFs: Planning update

Important context for the design of LTC Vaccine Access Program

Several factors distinguish current context vs. early 2021:

- **Significant vaccine supply** available
- **Demand for vaccination resources** will be high in late 2021, with influenza and potentially broad COVID-19 additional dose administration running concurrently
- Pharmacies are now **managing over 65% of vaccinations for the US population** primarily in retail locations, as opposed to only ~10% of vaccinations in early 2021 with very little retail administration
- Under the planning assumption that an FDA authorization / ACIP recommendation would extend an additional dose to all persons 65+, **the US is could be immunizing ~45M persons** with additional doses in parallel to a Long Term Care program
- The populations served in SNFs and non-SNFs are **medically distinct and access medical care in different ways**
 - SNF residents typically have greater medical needs and receive services on-site
 - Individuals in non-SNFs typically have fewer needs and receive care through existing providers

Many elements of the plan are already in place

Strong foundations that the Long-Term Care Vaccine Access Program will build from:

- The 65+ population has been highly compliant; 90%+ have received > 1 dose
- Broad vaccine access and ample supply; 50K+ sites with vaccine in US now
- The majority of SNFs have validated access to vaccine, and larger non-SNFs will be served by USG's Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners
- Strong partnership in place with stakeholder that can be rapidly leveraged to quickly mobilize plan



Include new solutions to augment system to better serve LTC residents and staff

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: Vaccine Supply Results for Staff in CMS-certified Skilled Nursing Facilities

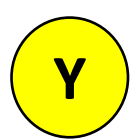
14,981 facilities reporting within last 2 weeks through week ending August 8, 2021

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 - 629 facilities do NOT have sufficient supply (n = 76,943 HCP)
 - 607 have other arrangements for vaccine (n = 73,912 HCP)
 - 22 do NOT have other arrangements for vaccine (n = 3,031 HCP)
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 - 502 facilities do NOT other arrangements for vaccine (n = 56,273 HCP)

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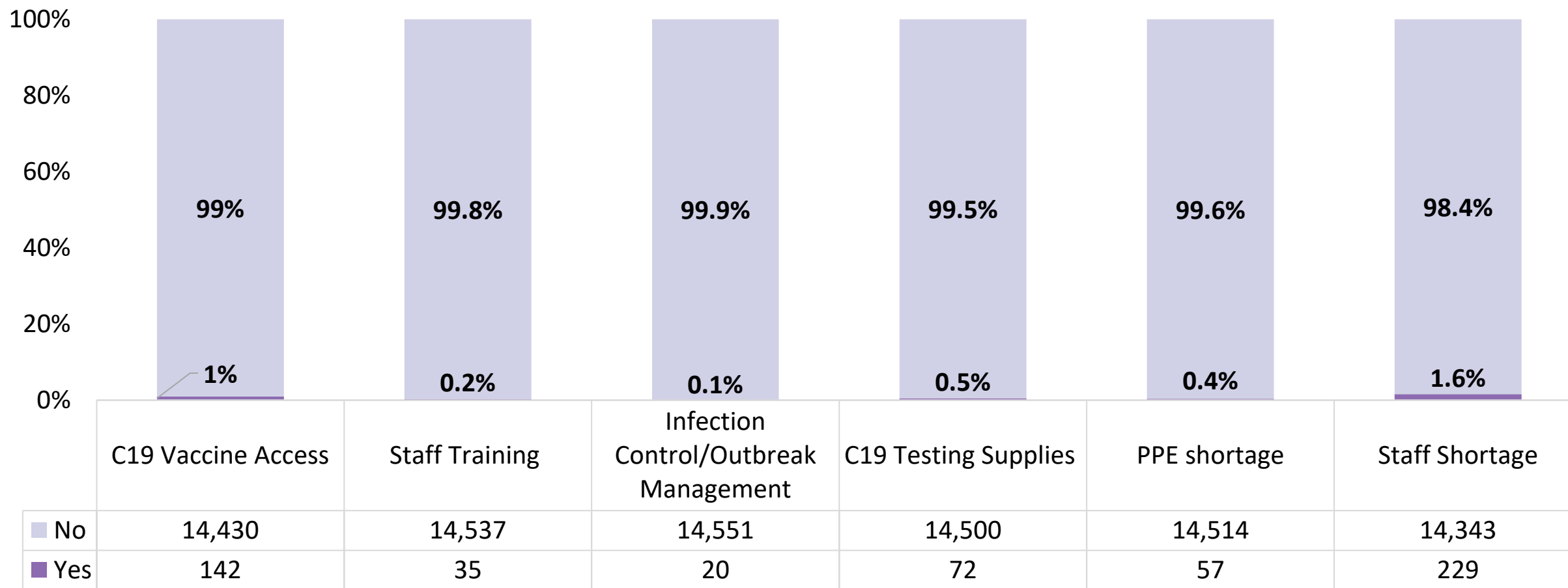
14,971 facilities reporting within last 2 weeks through week ending August 8, 2021

- 4,790 facilities (32%) are enrolled as COVID Vaccine Providers for vaccine for their Residents (n = 407,872 Residents)
 - 611 facilities do NOT have sufficient supply (n = 47,854 Residents)
 - 582 have other arrangements for vaccine (n = 45,135 Residents)
 - 29 do NOT have other arrangements for vaccine (n = 2,719 Residents)
- 10,181 facilities (68%) are NOT enrolled as COVID Vaccine Providers for vaccine for their Residents (n = 762,582 Residents)
 - 519 facilities do NOT other arrangements for vaccine (n = 39,168 Residents)



Skilled Nursing Facilities, Requesting Need for Government Assistance, JUL 26 – AUG 01, 2021 (N=14,570)*

Percentage of Facilities Reporting



Please review and ensure accurate responses to all vaccine supply and need for government assistance questions, located in the Vaccination Weekly Summary and COVID-19 Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment Pathway, respectively. Answers should indicate if you can obtain sufficient supply (directly or through a partner) to vaccinate **ALL** residents and staff in your facility. *This information will directly inform planning and actions to support your facility's access to COVID-19 vaccine if additional doses are recommended.*

*Number of facilities reporting may vary from week to week

NHSN messaging re: vaccine supply questions (proposed)

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