



## **LeadingAge Member Snap Survey: Vaccine Distribution Results Summary**

From January 11-13, 2021, LeadingAge fielded an informal survey with members from across the aging services spectrum to gain a better understanding of their experiences as more COVID-19 vaccines are available. The survey received 1,284 responses from across the care continuum, including nursing homes, assisted living, life plan communities, affordable housing, home health, adult day services, hospice, and PACE.

### **Overall Access and Experience**

The majority of respondents (77%) say their organization has had access to some vaccines. 65% characterize their experience as “OK” or “good” (with another 29% calling it “very good”).

### **Vaccination Rates**

Respondents reported that more residents than staff have received vaccines so far:

- Half of the respondents say that 80-100% of residents have already received at least one dose of the vaccine.
- Nearly half (44%) of the respondents say that 30-60% of staff have already received at least one dose of the vaccine.
  - 15% said 50-60% of staff have already received at least one dose of the vaccine.
  - 15% said 40-50% of staff have already received at least one dose of the vaccine.
  - 14% say 30-40% of staff have already received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Comments indicate growing confidence that the second and third clinics will increase the number of staff vaccinations.

### **Status of Vaccination Clinics**

Of respondents eligible to participate in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program, the majority (71%) have held at least one clinic. 56% have their second clinic scheduled.

### **Vaccine Education**

Virtually all respondents (99.98%) shared at least one type of education they are conducting to inform staff, residents, and clients about the vaccine. 92% have sent letters or distributed handouts, and 60% have hung posters in their communities.

Many respondents reported directly on activities they thought were most effective:

- “Town Hall Meetings with Q and A sessions after.”
- “Meeting with medical director where staff could ask questions regarding vaccine.”
- “Honest information from chair of the department of medicine.”

- “Staff who are already vaccinated with first dose sharing their experience with those staff who are apprehensive.”
- “Personal conversations and appeals seem to work best.”
- “One on one meetings with Nurses to debunk rumors, provide education, answer specific questions.”
- “All staff Zoom calls including Q&A with Medical Director.”
- “Zoom informational meetings have worked best.”
- “Open discussion with staff regarding the vaccine.”
- “Text messaging reminders, website access to informational links.”
- “A video with our chief medical director and president, when questions from staff are answered.”
- “Handouts and individual discussions have worked best.”

### Survey Participants

Respondents represented the following types of aging services programs (some have multiple included more than one in a single organization).

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| ● Nursing Home        | 61% |
| ● Assisted Living     | 33% |
| ● Life Plan Community | 29% |
| ● Affordable Housing  | 11% |
| ● Home Health         | 6%  |
| ● Adult Day           | 4%  |
| ● Hospice             | 3%  |
| ● PACE                | 1%  |

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