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AHCA's ESS: Daily Long Term Care Facilities Reporting Update

Based on federal approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, effective December 14, 2020, the vaccine is being provided in Florida.

COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#) providing Medical centers, clinics, and clinicians with ready-made materials you can use to inform your healthcare teams and other staff.

Florida SHOTS Reporting

The Department of Health has adopted [Emergency Rule 64DER20-43](#), F.A.C., requiring mandatory reporting fields of COVID-19 vaccine administration data into Florida SHOTS within 24 hours of vaccine administration. Please strive to update SHOTS by 9:00PM each day to assist with expedited vaccination information.

ESS Reporting

Effective December 14, 2020, the "Add'l Info" tab has also been updated to include questions about your facility's administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

These questions are related to the administration of the first doses of COVID-19 vaccine to facility staff and residents. All of the questions are found on the "Add'l Info" tab in ESS.

Please continue to report the current Bed Census and Available Beds and the Add'l Info tabs **daily** by 10 AM ET until further notice.

- **Descriptions are available for each question for reporting correctly. Please refer to the revised questions and the “descriptions” posted on the ESS Resources page:**
 - Additional ESS Resources can be found on our COVID site: http://ahca.myflorida.com/COVID-19_Facilities.shtml#ESS
- All needs requests should be submitted to your local Emergency Operations Center.
 - <https://www.floridadisaster.org/counties/>

If needed, click the following link to access additional instructions for entering facility data for events (see pages 1-4 of the document “How to Locate and Enter Event Information” under the Details column)
http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Emergency_Activities/index.shtml.

If you require additional assistance with ESS, please contact your AHCA licensing unit:

Assisted Living Unit, 850-412-4304

Long Term Care Services Unit, 850-412-4303

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