

**NJ Department of Human Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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!! IMPORTANT UPDATE !!

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to share a new option for vaccination of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who reside in group homes and supervised apartments licensed by the Department of Human Services.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have partnered with Walmart Pharmacy to provide a targeted vaccine allocation through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership.

This closed-POD (point-of-dispensing) program will launch late in the week of January 18, 2021, and will consist of 12 Walmart Pharmacy sites, each setting aside up to 12 hours per week for vaccinations of I/DD residents only. The directors at each Walmart site will work directly with residential providers to schedule vaccine appointments for their residents.

The Walmart COVID-19 Vaccine Closed-POD Program will be supplied a dedicated allocation from New Jersey's vaccine supply. Agencies that were included in the Quest COVID-19 Testing Program are eligible and Walmart will contact agencies directly to begin the process. Agencies that are enrolled in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program are not part of this program and should continue working with their designated pharmacy provider.

Residential providers, residents and families should review the [Walmart COVID-19 Closed-POD Program for Residents with IDD in Congregate Residential Settings Licensed by the Department of Human Services](#) overview document for more details on logistics and pharmacy assignment.

Please note the closed-POD option is not the only way for an individual with IDD residing in a congregate setting to be vaccinated. Vaccine supply in New Jersey remains limited, so agencies are advised to exercise multiple methods to receive a vaccine. Residential staff and residents are also able to register for and receive the COVID-19 vaccine at any of the [COVID-19 Vaccine Locations for Eligible Recipients](#). For a complete list of vaccine-eligible categories of individuals, please review the information on [Who is eligible for vaccination in New Jersey?](#)

Thank you.

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