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Biden Administration To Provide COVID-19 Vaccines to Pharmacies

Today, President Biden took additional steps today to implement his comprehensive National Strategy to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

These steps include:

- Increasing the vaccine supply to states, Tribes, and territories;
- Increasing funding to jurisdictions to help turn vaccines into vaccinations; and
- Starting next week the federal pharmacy program will launch and select pharmacies nationwide will start offering vaccinations for their communities.

Coronavirus coordinator Jeff Zients said that starting next week some 6,500 pharmacies around the country will receive a total of 1 million doses of vaccine. The number of participating pharmacies, and the allocation of vaccines, are expected to accelerate as drugmakers increase production.

These new steps aim to meet the President's goal of administering 100 million shots in 100 days and expand access to vaccines to more Americans in the coming weeks.

The President is taking the following actions today:

Expanding Vaccine Supply:

- Biden-Harris Administration will increase overall, weekly vaccine supply to states, Tribes, and territories by 22% to 10.5 million doses nationwide beginning this week.

Launching First Phase of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination:

- Starting on February 11, those eligible for the vaccine will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at select

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pharmacies across the country through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination. This program is a public-private partnership with 21 national pharmacy partners and networks of independent pharmacies representing over 40,000 pharmacy locations nationwide (listed below).

- As the first phase of this program launches, select retail pharmacies nationwide will receive limited vaccine supply to vaccinate priority groups at no cost. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) worked with states to select initial pharmacy partners based on a number of factors including their ability to reach some of the populations most at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Americans should check their pharmacy's website to find out if vaccine is available as supply will be limited in the initial phase. More information is available at cdc.gov/covid19.

Increasing Reimbursements to States:

- The Biden administration will retroactively reimbursing states fully for FEMA-eligible services – including masks, gloves, emergency feeding actions, sheltering at risk populations, and mobilization of the National Guard - back dated to the beginning of the pandemic in January 2020. This reimbursement is estimated to total \$3-5 billion and is only a small share of the resources that states need to fight this pandemic — including for testing, genomic sequencing, and mass vaccination centers. To fully support states, Tribes, and territories' needs to contain the pandemic and vaccinate their populations, President Biden is requesting \$350 billion from Congress in American Rescue Plan.

Participating Federal Pharmacy Partners (not all will be active in every state in initial phase)

Chain Pharmacies

- Walgreens (including Duane Reade)
- CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (including Long's)
- Walmart, Inc. (including Sam's Club)
- Rite Aid Corp.
- The Kroger Co. (including Kroger, Harris Teeter, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Ralphs, King Soopers, Smiths, City Market, Dillons, Mariano's, Pick-n-Save, Copps, Metro Market)
- Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale Corp.
- Albertsons Companies, Inc. (including Osco, Jewel-Osco, Albertsons, Albertsons Market, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Star Market, Shaw's, Haggen, Acme, Randalls, Carrs, Market Street, United, Vons, Pavilions, Amigos, Lucky's, Pak n Save, Sav-On)
- Hy-Vee, Inc.

- Meijer Inc.
- H-E-B, LP
- Retail Business Services, LLC (including Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company, Hannaford Bros Co, Stop & Shop)
- Winn-Dixie Stores Inc. (including Winn-Dixie, Harveys, Fresco Y Mas)

Network Administrators

- Topco Associates, LLC (including Acme Fresh Markets, Associated Food Stores, Big-Y Pharmacy and Wellness Center, Brookshire's Pharmacy, Super One Pharmacy, FRESH by Brookshire's Pharmacy, Coborn's Pharmacy, Cash Wise Pharmacy, MarketPlace Pharmacy, Giant Eagle, Hartig Drug Company, King Kullen, Food City Pharmacy, Ingles Pharmacy, Raley's, Bel Air, Nob Hill Pharmacies, Save Mart Pharmacies, Lucky Pharmacies, SpartanNash, Price Chopper, Market 32, Tops Friendly Markets, ShopRite, Wegmans, Weis Markets, Inc.)
- CPESN USA, LLC
- GeriMed (long-term care and retail pharmacies)
- Good Neighbor Pharmacy and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation's pharmacy services administrative organization (PSAO), Elevate Provider
- Health Mart Systems, Inc.
- Innovatix (long-term care pharmacies)
- LeaderNET and Medicine Shoppe, Cardinal Health's PSAOs
- Managed Health Care Associates (retail and long-term care pharmacies)

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