



ALCO & Operation Warp Speed

Starting Monday October 19, 2020, the CDC began to collect data from Long-Term Care Facilities – specifically Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities – regarding vaccine distribution under “Operation Warp Speed”.

At the current time, there is no approved vaccine for COVID-19. The CDC is trying to collect information about the distribution of potential vaccines. If your organization is providing preferences about vaccine access, then you will have the ability to select the provider of your vaccine from either CVS, Walgreens, or **“CURRENT PHARMACY PROVIDER.”**

At ALCO, we are working with our Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) and the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that ALCO can provide vaccines once they become available. While the details of the program and the distribution plan remain fluid, we do know that States will receive allocations in Phase 1B based on the information being collected now. There is no information available yet about the details of the distribution, but we do have a strong advocate in our GPO to keep us informed of our role in this process.

While we are working to ensure our participation in the vaccine distribution program, we ask that you choose **“CURRENT PHARMACY PROVIDER”** if you are asked to make a provider selection during this process. Our understanding is that this selection can be changed at any time during the process. We are also told that the CDC “will try to honor facility preferences, but may reassign facilities depending on vaccine availability and distribution considerations and to minimize vaccine wastage.”

We will do our best to keep you informed as more details become available.