

Walmart Closed-POD COVID-19 Vaccine Program for Residents with IDD in Congregate Residential Settings Licensed by the Department of Human Services

Agencies that were included in the Quest COVID-19 Testing Program are eligible. Walmart has begun contacting agencies directly for scheduling. Each licensed residential setting has been assigned to one of twelve participating Walmart Pharmacy sites based on proximity and pharmacy capacity.

!! At this time, vaccines through this program are reserved for residents only !!

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.

Each participating provider in the Walmart Closed-POD COVID-19 Vaccine Program must present the three forms below at the time of vaccination. How these forms are completed will depend on how resident consent for vaccination is obtained. Please read the next three sections on obtaining consent if:

1. The resident or guardian can sign the Walmart consent in time for the appointment;
2. The guardian is available but cannot sign consent before appointment; or
3. The guardian is deceased, incapacitated or pending appointment (contact DDD).

Walmart Required Forms

- [Walmart COVID-19 Vaccine Questionnaire and Consent Form](#) (also in [SPANISH](#)).
- [Walmart COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Attestation.](#)
- [Walmart COVID-19 Insurance Attestation.](#)

#1 Consent when the Individual has Capacity to Sign Written Consent Form or Assigned Guardian(s) is Available to Sign Written Consent Form In Time For Vaccine Appointment.

Each participating provider in the Walmart Closed-POD COVID-19 Vaccine Program must present the three forms above at time of vaccination and ensure they are signed by each individual or their guardian (if they have one) prior to the vaccine appointment. As with all vaccines, providers must obtain consent from individuals or their guardians before scheduling a vaccine appointment. It is recommended agencies begin completing and obtaining signatures on these forms immediately.

#2 Consent when the Individual Has an Appointed Guardian but Written Consent Form Cannot be Obtained in time for Scheduled Vaccination.

In circumstances where the guardian(s) of an individual provides verbal consent but is unable to scan/fax the hard copy of the [Walmart COVID-19 Vaccine Questionnaire and Consent Form](#) in time for the vaccination appointment, Walmart will allow the following process:

- The agency documents the verbal consent in a manner it deems appropriate. The agency may also request that the guardian(s) send the hard copy consent for their records.
- A representative of agency completes and signs the [Walmart Attestation of Verbal Guardian Consent](#)

form attesting that they have received verbal consent for each individual they list on that form. Walmart does not require the agency to follow up with the written consent form if it receives this attestation.

- A representative of the agency then completes the three forms above. On the signature portion for each form they write “Verbal Consent Form Attached”.
- A representative of the agency brings all four documents at time of vaccination appointment.

#3 Consent when Individual has an Appointed Guardian who is Deceased or Incapacitated, or when the Individual is Awaiting a Guardian to be Appointed.

In circumstances where an individual cannot obtain consent because their legally appointed guardian is deceased, incapacitated or the individual is awaiting appointment of a guardian, the Division may be able to help. Please note that:

- The agency must provide documentation that guardian consent cannot be obtained. Each situation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- For all situations, a physician must certify that the vaccination is essential and beneficial to the individual’s general health and welfare using the Certification of Licensed Physician form.

Agencies may contact the Division at DDD-CO.LAPO@dhs.nj.gov to request Division assistance with the above or other scenarios related to consent.

Other Important Information

At this time, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine available in this program. The individual or their guardian (if they have one) should review the [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#). Translations of the Fact Sheet are available in multiple languages on the Federal Drug Administration’s [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#) information site.

The Walmart Pharmacy will require identification for each individual at the time of their appointment. Individuals may use their **Medicaid Health Benefits Identification Card** as both proof of identity **and** proof of insurance coverage. If applicable, please include Medicare ID number and all other Medicaid/HMO plan information on the [Walmart COVID-19 Insurance Attestation](#) form.

At the time of the vaccine appointment, each individual will be given a COVID-19 vaccination card and a return appointment to receive the second dose. Every person who receives a COVID-19 vaccine is required to remain for observation at the vaccination location for 15 to 30 minutes.

The Division has provided each agency’s contact information to Walmart. Beginning the week of January 18, 2021, Walmart started to contact providers to schedule appointments for residents as vaccine supply permits.