

Protect Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities against COVID-19. Strengthen Coverage with COVID-19 Vaccination and Boosters.



NATIONALLY, AROUND 2,000 SENIORS DIE FROM COVID-19 EACH WEEK

In South Carolina,



In 2021, among nursing home and long-term care facility residents, 1 in every 12 hospitalizations was attributed to COVID-19.



Since December 2021, 1 in every 5 deaths in individuals aged 65 and older was attributed to COVID-19.



As of Dec. 24, 2022, only 83 percent of nursing home residents and 45 percent of nursing home staff are up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.

COVID-19 cases are on the rise again...

For those aged 65 and older, a booster vaccine dose can increase protection against symptomatic omicron infection from about 28 percent to 43 percent and decreases risk of contracting COVID-19 by 73 percent.

DHEC strongly encourages residents of long-term care, chronic rehabilitation and assisted living facilities to complete a primary series with a COVID vaccine and to be up to date with recommended booster doses.



SENIORS AT RISK

Seniors continue to be the most at risk of being hospitalized and dying because of COVID-19.

COVID-19 BOOSTER

The COVID-19 bivalent booster protects you from the original COVID virus and the recent variant strains – BA.4, BA.5, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1.

TAKE ACTION

Help residents and staff access updated COVID-19 vaccines and stay up to date.

Ensure residents and staff are getting tested if they are symptomatic.

Improve air quality inside facilities and congregate settings to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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Booster Burnout is a real problem... but

The virus that causes COVID-19 illness is continuing to change and boosters that are available provide better protection against the COVID-19 virus strains that are the most common now.

DHEC also recommends that facilities advise employees, contract staff, family members and visitors to protect their vulnerable patients by being up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations.



Find a COVID-19 Vaccine:

Visit scdhec.gov/vaxlocator

Or call 1-855-472-3432

Resources & FAQs

How can I schedule an appointment for my booster?

- Contact your regional health department:
<https://scdhec.gov/health/health-public-health-clinics>

When can I get my COVID-19 booster?

- At least two months after completing the primary series or the last booster dose.

When am I considered up to date?

- You are up to date when you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and have gotten the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

What if I am immunocompromised?

- You are still recommended to receive a booster dose two months after your last primary series dose or last booster dose.

Where can I see my community transmission levels?

- Community transmission levels can be found on the CDC website:
bit.ly/CovidCommunityLevels

What should I do if my community transmission levels are high?

- When levels are high: wear a mask, maintain social distance from others, avoid large gatherings as best as possible, and maximize ventilation in indoor settings. If you are symptomatic, take a COVID-19 test and isolate if positive.

