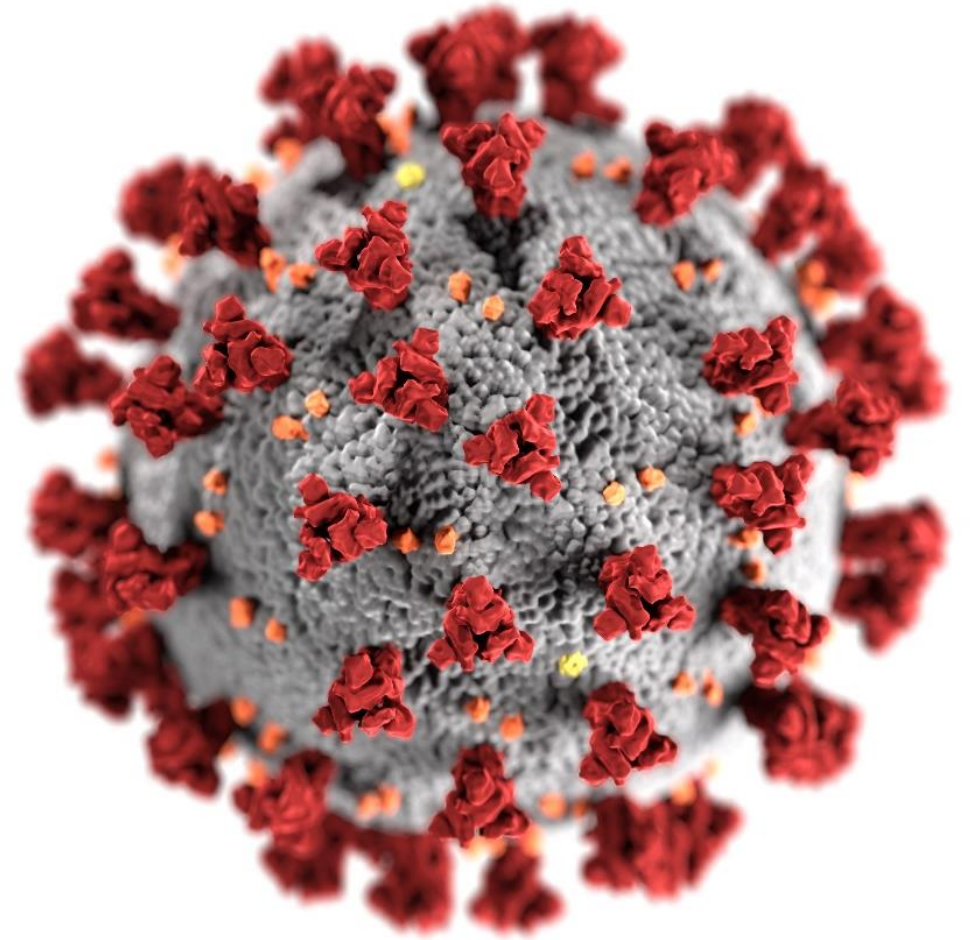


# State to State Sharing: Minnesota

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Care Providers of Minnesota is a non-profit membership association with the mission to Lead Members to Excellence. Our 1,000+ members across Minnesota represent non-profit and for-profit organizations providing services along the full spectrum of post-acute care and long-term services and support. We are the state affiliate for the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living.

# Strategies to Increase Bivalent Vaccinations

## I. Efficiency

- a. Availability of vaccinators when there are interested residents/staff (regional health care coalitions, vaccinator teams at state agency)
- b. MN Vaccine connector for direct scheduling at community vaccination sites  
<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/index.jsp>
- c. Strong encouragement for hospitals to vaccinate prior to transfer/discharge

## II. Coordination of Efforts

- a. Our Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website resource  
pages: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/ltc.html#NaN>  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/index.html>
- b. The state's Regional Health Care Coalitions who have been our local connections:  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/coalitions>
- c. Communication between MDH and QIO and Association on “targeted” facilities (AHCA data lists of facilities with low up-to-date percentages—we reach out to find out barriers)

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## III. Communication

- a. MDH LTC COVID-19 webinars
- b. MDH dedicated email/phone line for vaccine access issues
- c. Regional Health Care Coalition meetings/contacts
- d. QIO outreach
- e. White House/CMS/CDC messages

From latest MDH webinar:

- *The LTC Battle Plan Team is here to support facility vaccination efforts.*
- *If you need support, information, or would like to host a vaccination clinic at your facility, please complete the MDH LTC Booster Needs Request form ([LINK](#))*
- *Vaccination Teams available to host vaccine and booster clinics for both SNF and ALFs.*
- *If you need assistance entering vaccination data into NHSN, please email us for assistance: [Health.HAI@state.mn.us](mailto:Health.HAI@state.mn.us)*

# Addressing Barriers to Success

- Vaccination events/pop up clinics focused on cultural, faith and disability communities
- NHSN data entry issues—especially with staff turnover. (Getting QIO and MDH assistance with this training)
- Clarity on timing of bivalent after COVID and/or last booster
- Family resistance (information, convenience, trusted messengers)