

## Rep. Alma Adams Leads Letter Calling on CDC to Improve Vaccine Access for Seniors



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**Washington, D.C.** – This week, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)**, joined by 19 of her colleagues, sent a letter to Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky urging the CDC to restart and expand an effective, on-site vaccination program for seniors vulnerable to contracting COVID-19. To date, the CDC’s Pharmacy Partnership Long Term Care program has administered over 7.5 million doses of vaccine to seniors and health care workers at certain facilities. Expanding the program would increase vaccine access to other vulnerable and low-income populations of seniors, including those in independent living communities (ILCs) and federally-supported affordable senior housing communities, such as Section 202, Section 8, and public housing.

[A copy of the letter is available here.](#)

“I heard from multiple representatives of independent living facilities and long-term care facilities that current plans for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine don’t do enough to reach the populations most vulnerable to the pandemic and that already face barriers to access,” **said Adams in a statement.** “Our seniors in congregate facilities and low-income housing communities are the most vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 and should be eligible to receive their vaccine doses in the safest manner possible, via an on-site vaccination clinic under existing CDC programs. I urge the Administration to consider restarting and expanding this program to ensure no seniors fall through the gaps.”

Cosigners to the letter include **Representatives Karen Bass, Sanford Bishop, Steve Cohen, Jim Cooper, Ted Deutch, Bill Foster, Raul Grijalva, Jahana Hayes, Sheila Jackson Lee, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Marcy Kaptur, Derek Kilmer, Al Lawson, Barbara Lee, Grace Meng, Deborah Ross, Mary Gay Scanlon, Terri A. Sewell, and Bonnie Watson Coleman.**

**Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.** represents North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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