

From: Congressman Steve Scalise <LA01@mail.house.gov> To: Erin.McBride@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update Date: Fri, 05 Mar 2021 09:14:27 -0500 March 6, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter DATA COMPILED ON MARCH 4, 2021

The Louisiana Department of Health, Governor Edwards, and our local officials are responsible for coordinating the COVID-19 vaccine distribution effort in Louisiana. As your Member of Congress, I am working to ensure our state and local leaders have the resources they need to distribute vaccines as quickly as possible. Additionally, I will be sending out this COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter periodically to provide the most up-to-date information about the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in our community and where you can get a vaccine. Information included in this newsletter has been collected from the Louisiana Department of Health and various sources across the state.

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WHAT PHASE ARE WE IN? Louisiana is currently in Phase 1B, Tier 1 of its vaccine distribution plan. According to the Louisiana Department of Health, limited amounts of COVID-19 vaccines are available at select locations only for:

- People 65 years of age or older.
- Dialysis providers and patients.
- Ambulatory and outpatient providers and staff.
- Professional home care providers (including hospice workers) and home care recipients (including older and younger people with disabilities over the age of 16 who receive community or home-based care, as well as clients of home health agencies).
- American Sign Language (ASL) and foreign language interpreters and Support Service Providers (SSPs) working in community and clinic-based settings, and clients who are both deaf and blind.
- Health-related support personnel (lab staff, mortuary staff who have contact with corpses, pharmacy staff).
- Schools of allied health students, residents and staff.
- Law enforcement and other first responders.
- Louisiana Unified Command Group.
- Legislators.
- State and local essential COVID emergency response personnel.
- Some elections staff ahead of March and April elections.
- Teachers and support staff working on-site in K-12 schools and daycares.
- All pregnant women.
- Non-emergency medical transportation providers and staff.
- Persons ages 55-64 with one or more health condition defined by the CDC (Cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant, obesity, severe obesity, sickle cell disease, smoking, Type 2 diabetes mellitus).

For a complete list of who is eligible for a vaccine in Louisiana at this time, please click [here](#).

WHERE CAN I GET MY VACCINE?

Pharmacies and Clinics: Select pharmacies and clinics are offering the COVID vaccine **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

Hospitals: Some local hospitals are offering the COVID vaccine **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. [CLICK HERE](#) to find a full list of parish-by-parish vaccination locations. Louisiana residents can also call 211 to find a vaccine provider near them. Patients must contact a participating location and make an appointment at the location. Patients who arrive without an appointment will not be vaccinated. Please note, appointments do not have to be made to receive the second dose of the vaccine. Second doses are given at the same location a person receives their first dose and the appointment for the second dose will be made during the appointment for the first dose.

LOUISIANA COVID-19 VACCINE STATISTICS

Initiated Vaccine Series	Total Doses Administered	Completed Vaccine Series	Providers Enrolled
713,827	1,117,714	404,653	2,089

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Completed vaccine series:

Counts all individuals who have received the recommended number of doses of a given COVID-19 vaccine and are not recommended to receive any more. Individuals who have completed their vaccine series are also counted as having initiated their vaccine series. Source: Louisiana Department of Health

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