



COVID-19 Update

Alabama Department of Public Health

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Getting COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of Alabamians as quickly as possible is our goal.

ADPH is conducting clinics daily, including drive-through clinics in some counties.

COVID-19 Cases—541,230

COVID-19 Deaths—11,077

COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of May 19)—49,637

Currently eligible for vaccine—everyone 12 years of age and older

Average 1st Doses of Vaccine Shipped to Alabama Per Week—125,000-130,000

Vaccine Doses Administered—2,829,625

Vaccine Doses Delivered to Alabama—4,206,825

Alabama Healthcare Providers Enrolled—1,364

COVID-19 Vaccine is Recommended for Everyone 12 Years and Older

Children 12 years and older are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Since May 10, 4,543 patients ages 12-15 in Alabama have received vaccinations with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Pfizer is currently the only vaccine available to children and adolescents up to age 18. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing children from getting COVID-19. Like adults, children may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. While these side effects may affect their ability to do daily activities, they should only last a few days. COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, including studies in children 12 years and older. Children cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine. Although fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. Getting your child vaccinated helps to protect your child and your family.

Updated Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Factsheet

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released an updated factsheet for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The factsheet helps readers understand the risks and benefits of receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It is available in multiple languages and can be found online here:

<http://www.janssencovid19vaccine.com/>

Digital Day of Action – Friday, May 21

ADPH is encouraging everyone to share Facebook messages that increase vaccine confidence and reinforce basic prevention measures on Friday, May 21. A social media toolkit is available with resources that can be shared online to help reach people who haven't received the COVID-19 vaccine or who may be waiting to get vaccinated. Finding a vaccine is easy and accessible, and that is an important message to share. The social media toolkit is available here: <https://whitehouse.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef4d&id=cf09456f17&e=aae4f18e6e>

PSA Featuring Coach Nick Saban Promotes COVID-19 Vaccinations

A public service announcement featuring University of Alabama head football coach Nick Saban encouraging vaccinations for COVID-19 begins airing in the state this week. ADPH appreciates the support of Coach Saban in promoting COVID-19 vaccines. A link to the 30-second PSA is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyoPDfSmKDI>

**FEMA Community Vaccination Center Offering COVID-19 Vaccinations--
No Appointment Required, No ID Required, and No Insurance Required**

The drive-through FEMA Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer is providing vaccinations to citizens. The site is open seven days a week and appointments are available but not required. Appointments can be made on the web scheduler located at <https://myturn.timetap.com>. The website also includes links to documents that will need to be reviewed prior to being vaccinated. These materials are also available on site.