



## **COVID-19 Update**

### **Alabama Department of Public Health**

### **February 10, 2021**

**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. Limited vaccine remains the greatest challenge in Alabama and other states.

COVID-19 Cases—476,067

COVID-19 Deaths—8,888

COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of February 9)—43,499

Beginning February 8, vaccine eligibility expanded to include phase 1b and people 65 years and older. The Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan outlines the various phases, and is available here: [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf)

Average 1<sup>st</sup> Doses of Vaccine Shipped to Alabama Per Week—60,000 to 70,000

Vaccine Doses Administered—497,705

Vaccine Doses Delivered to Alabama—954,225

Alabama Healthcare Providers Enrolled—883

#### **Walmart and Sam's Club Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines at 74 locations in Alabama through the U.S. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program on February 12, 2021. Eligible customers can schedule vaccine appointments at [www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](http://www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) and [www.samsclub.com/covid](http://www.samsclub.com/covid) once appointments are available. Vaccines will be available to those who meet the current phase of vaccine eligibility in Alabama. The vaccine for this program is from a federal allotment and is not being taken from Alabama's state allotment. Please note that the Walmart and Sam's Club websites are currently having technical issues, and they are working to get them resolved.

#### **Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine**

Johnson & Johnson submitted an application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, February 4. A phase 3 trial of the vaccine showed an overall efficacy rate of 66% and 85% effectiveness overall in preventing severe illness from COVID-19. The trial demonstrated complete protection against COVID-19 related hospitalization and deaths. We anticipate the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being approved soon, joining the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine options. ADPH encourages the public not to vaccine shop, as all approved COVID-19 vaccines are excellent options.

#### **New Information Available on COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard**

The Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard (<http://arcg.is/OrCey>) has been updated to show how many people have received one or more doses and how many people have received both doses that complete the vaccine series. An Alabama Vaccine Report that includes demographic information for vaccine recipients is now available in the upper right corner of the dashboard. These reports are also available on our Data and Surveillance page in chronological order ([go.usa.gov/xsasA](http://go.usa.gov/xsasA)).

#### **Alabamians Encouraged to Avoid Travel This Holiday Weekend**

As the Presidents' Day holiday weekend approaches, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health recommend that the public delay unnecessary travel and stay

home to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Despite recent declines, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remain extremely high across the United States. Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often. If you must travel, remember that masks are now required on all public transportation.

### **Be Aware That Vaccine Shortages Remain**

Many county health departments are no longer offering first doses of COVID-19 vaccines and are currently administering only second doses to those people at highest risk and whose shots are already scheduled. This is due to the limited supply of vaccine. Please be patient and wait to schedule your own vaccination appointment if you have no underlying health issues or have limited contact with other people. Showing consideration for others will allow your neighbors who may be at higher risk to schedule their COVID-19 vaccinations.

### **Large-Scale Mass Vaccination Clinics in 8 Alabama Locations**

Eight large-scale mass vaccination clinics that started Monday continue throughout the state. Clinics are located in Anniston, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa. The goal is for a total of 40,000 doses to be administered throughout the state at the clinics this week. Some sites require preregistration, and not all sites may have availability. Additional information about each location is available here [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/mass-clinics.html](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/mass-clinics.html)