



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—547,135

COVID-19 Deaths—11,252

COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of June 9)—50,170

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—2,987,896

Vaccine Doses Delivered to Alabama—4,454,255

Alabama Healthcare Providers Enrolled—1,387

FEMA Community Vaccination Center in Bessemer Closing on June 16

The last day for the drive-through Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer is June 16. The site is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Individuals can drive in or walk up without appointments. No Appointment Required, No ID Required, and No Insurance Required. Don't take the risk, get vaccinated today!

Delta Variant B.1.617.2 Accounts for About 6% of New U.S. Cases

The Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2 first emerged in India and now accounts for about 6% of new U.S. cases. The number of cases of Delta in the U.S are likely to be higher, as not all SARS-CoV-2 specimens are sequenced. The Delta variant has been detected in a small number of specimens in Alabama. The variant is highly contagious and has the potential to infect more persons, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths. At the moment, data indicates that two doses of Pfizer vaccine are 88% protective against the virus. The two other COVID 19 vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are likely to be effective against this variant as well. The message about this variant, as well as other variants, is that the more persons who are vaccinated, the less likely the opportunity for variants to emerge. Now is a critical time for persons in Alabama to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to be vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR): Decreases in COVID-19 Cases, Hospital Admissions, and Deaths Among Older Adults

A MMWR released on June 8, 2021 finds that COVID-19 cases, emergency department visits, hospital admissions, and deaths declined more among older adults than among younger adults following the introduction of COVID-19 vaccine. The greater declines among older adults are likely due, in part, to higher COVID-19 vaccination coverage, which highlights the potential benefits of rapidly increasing vaccination coverage. The MMWR can be viewed here:

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7023e2.htm

National Month of Action--Goal is 70 Percent COVID-19 Vaccination

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of having 70 percent of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July Fourth. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national

organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people, and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19.