MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert

MESSAGE ID:	**MSHAN-20210402-00513-ALT (Health Alert)**
RECIPIENTS:	**All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and Healthcare Providers – Statewide**
	Friday, April 2, 2021
SUBJECT:	**Updated Process for Requesting COVID-19 Vaccine Doses**

Key Messages
- **MSDH needs assistance from physicians, providers, health systems, pharmacies, and clinics to vaccinate all Mississippians 16 years of age and older.**
- **To receive vaccine, all enrolled providers must complete this survey EACH WEEK (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8YL5RB), requesting the amount and type of vaccine preferred.** You may request Johnson and Johnson, Moderna or Pfizer (or multiple products).
- **A new survey must be submitted each week to request vaccine. The vaccine request survey will remain open each week Friday at 10am through the following Thursday at 4pm for vaccine requests.**
- **Only request the amount of vaccine which can be administered in a one-week period**.

Dear Colleagues,

- With increased allocations of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines to Mississippi, MSDH is encouraging Mississippi physicians, providers, health systems, pharmacies, and clinics to participate in COVID-19 vaccination efforts for all Mississippians 16 years and older.
- To receive vaccine, you must be an enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Provider (see COVID-19 Vaccination Providers - Mississippi State Department of Health (ms.gov)
- To receive vaccine, all enrolled providers must complete this survey **EACH WEEK** (COVID 19 Weekly Vaccine Request Survey (surveymonkey.com)), requesting the amount and type of vaccine preferred.
- Providers will not receive an allocation of vaccine unless directly requested through the survey.
- You may select more than one type of vaccine.
- Providers should only request the amount of vaccine which can be administered in a one-week period.
- Pfizer is available in a minimum order of 1170 doses, while Moderna and Janssen are available in minimum orders of 100 doses.

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- The MSDH Office of Immunizations will make every effort to accommodate distribution of the requested amount and type of vaccine. However, the number of doses provided may be less than requested based on availability, or the vaccine requested may not be available to send.
- Special emphasis should be placed on vaccination for:
  - Patients 50 years and older.
  - Homebound patients.
  - Hospitalized patients prior at discharge.

As always, please call the Office of Immunizations at 601-576-7751 with questions or concerns.

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program:	MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier:	MSHAN-20210402-00513-ALT
Program (HAN) Type:	Health Alert
Status (Type):	Actual ()
Message Type:	Alert
Reference:	MSHAN-00513
Severity:	Unknown
Acknowledgement:	No
Sensitive:	Not Sensitive
Message Expiration:	Undetermined
Urgency:	Undetermined
Delivery Time:	600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.
Alerting Program:	The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.
Message Identifier:	A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**).
Program (HAN) Type:	Categories of Health Alert Messages**.**
Health Alert:	Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.
Health Advisory:	Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
Health Update:	Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.
Health Info Service:	Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

	Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
	Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
	Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

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Message Type:

Alert:	Indicates an original Alert
Update:	Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel:	Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error:	Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of "Update" or "Cancel", this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. "n/a" = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).

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