



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Aging and Adult Services

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Providers
Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) Providers
Long-Term Care (LTC) Access Contractor
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
Support Coordination Agencies (SCAs)

FROM: Fernando Lopez-Evangelio, MHSA, Ph.D.
OAAS Assistant Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fernando Lopez-Evangelio".

DATE: October 27, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Fight the Flu Toolkit

During this COVID-19 public health emergency, the receipt of the seasonal influenza vaccine for participants and the professionals providing support to them is an essential component to protecting the health of our community. Flu vaccines will not prevent COVID-19, but they will reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths. The impact of COVID-19 this year and the annual impact of the flu has the potential to negatively affect many individuals, including the participants that we serve. This year, with the risk of contracting both the flu and COVID-19 either simultaneously or consecutively, the necessity of flu vaccines is critically important.

The Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) has created a "Fight the Flu" toolkit and it is available on our website at the following link: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2915>.

All providers/agencies receiving this memorandum should refer to this toolkit, along with available Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, and make educational resources and vaccine location resources available to their employees and participants that they serve. All providers/agencies should document materials provided and their conversations with participants regarding this issue, including if they received the flu vaccine.

OAAS encourages all providers/agencies to continue to follow all COVID-19 precautions as well as taking precautions to prevent the flu. Thank you all for your work in supporting participants who receive services through OAAS.

If you have any questions, please contact the OAAS Help Line at 1-866-758-5035.

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