



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Aging and Adult Services
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Direct Service Providers

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary *Julie Foster Hagan*
Dr. Fernando Lopez, OAAS Assistant Secretary *Fernando Lopez*

DATE: January 19, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccination Survey

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) are making considerable efforts to ensure an equitable approach to making vaccinations available to as many people as possible in the eligible groups.

One of the currently eligible groups include:

- Staff providing community and home-based care to older adults and people with disabilities. This includes staff employed by home care agencies as well as staff who are hired directly by the person with a disability.

COVID-19 is now the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 7,600 Louisianans died from COVID in 2020 — that's more than the number of deaths caused by accidents, stroke and diabetes combined in Louisiana in 2017. *The vaccines against this virus are a critical tool in ultimately ending the pandemic and getting our lives back to normal.*

To aid LDH in vaccination planning for this currently eligible group, all HCBS Direct Service Providers are requested to complete the following survey. Please let us know how many of your employees will take the COVID-19 vaccine if offered.

[OAAS/OCDD Personal Care Attendant Provider Agency COVID-19 Vaccine Survey \(google.com\)](#)

Responding to this survey only helps LDH in planning efforts. Responding to the survey does not guarantee the receipt or non-receipt of vaccinations for staff. The survey must be completed separately for each region served by your agency. For example, if you serve LDH regions 1 and 2, you should complete the survey twice: one for Region 1 and

another for Region 2.” If your agency provides multiple services, please respond only in relation to the licensed Personal Care Attendant (PCA) component of the agency. Failure to respond will limit LDH’s ability to plan for your agency’s needs and potential assist your agency with arranging vaccinations.

Responses must be received by: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 3PM

We greatly appreciate your commitment and support to the individuals served in our HCBS programs. If you have any questions, please contact OAAS at OAAS.ProviderRelations@la.gov, or OCDD at OCDD-HCBS@la.gov.

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