



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*
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DATE: February 24, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccination Survey for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to Pharmacies for COVID-19 Vaccinations

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.

To aid LDH in vaccination planning for the current group that is eligible for vaccination, we are requesting all HCBS Direct Service Providers complete the FOLLOW UP survey (link below). The survey includes questions to help LDH understand the number of employees that have been vaccinated and the number of your employees willing to take the COVID-19 vaccine if offered.

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

Responding to this survey GREATLY helps LDH in planning efforts and ensuring that the OCDD and OAAS participant and staff populations are included in these 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. Please note that OAAS and OCDD will be asking you to update this information monthly going forward.

Responses must be received by: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 3PM. Going forward, this survey MUST be completed monthly, with a due date of the LAST DAY of the month.

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to Pharmacies for COVID-19 Vaccinations

Medicaid has confirmed that a change was recently made which now allows Medicaid coverage for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation trips to a pharmacy for COVID-19 vaccination purposes. Please assist participants needing transportation to a pharmacy with setting up non-emergency medical transportation. We also continue to encourage providers and direct support professionals to themselves provide transportation to participants who need to be vaccinated.

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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- OAAS Regional Offices
- OAAS Support Coordination Agencies
- OCDD Support Coordination Agencies
- Statistical Resources Inc.