



State of Louisiana

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

MEMORANDUM

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TO: OCDD Provider Agencies
OAAS Provider Agencies

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary
Fernando Lopez-Evangelio, MHSA, Ph. D, OAAS Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Direct Service Worker Vaccination

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) will hold a Zoom webinar on Wednesday May 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM to discuss vaccinations for Direct Service Workers (DSWs). Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Deputy Secretary Mark Thomas will facilitate the discussion. The speakers and topics include:

- Greg Andrus (LDH 24 Hour Facilities) will share strategies to achieve an 85% vaccination goal for 24-hour facility staff;
- Dr. Veronica Gillespie (Ochsner Health) will address concerns regarding vaccines and fertility, pregnancy, and breastfeeding;
- Teresa Sokol (Louisiana Acting State Epidemiologist) will discuss current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines;
- Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD Assistant Secretary) will provide information on the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) community; and
- Robin Wagner (OAAS Deputy Assistant Secretary) will provide information on elderly and adult-onset disability populations.

Join the webinar via zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89068114370>. Users can connect via computer audio. If you are joining by telephone via the zoom link **do not use the phone call option**. This will incur charges. Instead, select **call me** and enter your telephone number.

Join the webinar by Telephone: Dial 602-333-0032 Conference Code: 231716.

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