



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

**MEMORANDUM**

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OCDD-SC-21-003

**TO:** OAAS Support Coordination Agencies  
OCDD Support Coordination Agencies

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

**DATE:** January 21, 2021

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Vaccination Survey for Participants

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fernando Lopez", is written over the printed name of the OAAS Assistant Secretary.

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 all participants receiving Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

COVID-19 is now the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 7,600 Louisianans died from COVID-19 in 2020 — that's more than the number of deaths caused by accidents, strokes 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 Support Coordination Agencies are requested to contact all participants, complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Survey housed in LaSRS and enter the survey results into LaSRS.

Gathering the survey information from participants helps LDH in planning efforts. Failure to complete this survey for all participants linked to your agency will limit LDH's ability to plan for our participant's needs and potential assistance with arranging vaccinations.

**All surveys must be completed in LaSRS by: Thursday, January 28, 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](mailto:OAAS.ProviderRelations@la.gov), or OCDD at [OCDD-HCBS@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-HCBS@la.gov).

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