



# Health Alert Network Message 21-24: Administering All Received Vaccines within Seven Days of Receipt

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**DATE:** March 11, 2021  
**TO:** Louisiana COVID-19 Vaccination Providers  
**FROM:** Stacy Hall, RN MSN  
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**SUBJECT:** Administering All Received Vaccines within Seven Days

We thank you for your diligent work and commitment to vaccinating Louisiana as quickly and equitably as possible. With increased vaccine allocations projected in the near future, and cases of the B.1.1.7 variant increasing as well, it is imperative vaccine be administered promptly and without delay.

**All prime (first) doses of COVID-19 vaccine need to be used within seven days of arrival.** Vaccine providers that are not using vaccine within that timeframe (or are not logging that usage correctly in LINKS) will be removed from future allotments of vaccine. It is the unambiguous expectation of the immunization program that all allocated/delivered doses be used within a 7-day time frame, and that vaccine providers be cognizant of this expectation when placing their weekly vaccine requests.

If you have had prime doses of vaccine for more than five days and do not anticipate exhausting by the seventh day, please reach out to your regional immunization consultant to coordinate the movement of vaccine to another site where it can be used. If you are experiencing any problems logging doses given in LINKS or notice that your LINKS inventory does not match your physical inventory, please reach out to your regional LINKS consultant to assist. Regional LINKS consultant contact information can be found on the LINKS homepage, <https://lalink.org/linksweb/>.

The successes Louisiana has seen in the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine have been made possible by the tireless efforts of vaccine providers throughout the state. Your work has saved lives, and it is appreciated. Please know your efforts have been immensely valuable to the communities you serve, and will continue to be so over the coming weeks and months.