

Health Alert Network Message 21-38: Provider Ordering of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine In LINKS

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TO: All COVID-19 Vaccine Providers and Provider Sites

SUBJECT: PROVIDER ORDERING OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19

VACCINE IN LINKS

Key Message:

- Beginning Monday May 3rd, Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be able to be ordered by providers through LINKS
- This is the same ordering process for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines that began on April 14th.

Ordering COVID-19 Vaccines Through LINKS

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is announcing that the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine will now be able to be ordered through LINKS.

LINKS will be available for direct provider J&J ordering at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 3rd. This will now be the only way to order and receive all COVID-19 vaccines from the state. Providers who are planning and coordinating community events will need to place an order for vaccine directly in LINKS, in advance of the event date.

Once a vaccine order is placed directly by a provider, it will be reviewed and approved by the Louisiana Immunization Program. A provider can generally expect delivery of the vaccine within 3-5 business days after the order is placed in LINKS. Providers placing orders will be able to check on the status of their order through LINKS. The ordering process is covered in the training and instructional materials posted on the LDH website (https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4093). Providers will be able to order J&J COVID-19 vaccine in increments of 10 doses.

If a provider orders close to a convenient packaging amount (i.e., 100 doses for J&J), the Immunization Program may round your order up or down slightly so that the doses can come directly to your site without the need to go through the state vaccine redistributor.

Should you need any assistance with ordering or if you would like to receive additional support on LINKS vaccine ordering, please submit your request to <u>La.Links@la.gov</u>, or contact your Regional Immunization Consultant listed on the home page of LINKS (https://lalinks.org/linksweb/main.jsp).