



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Avoiding COVID-19 Vaccine Loss December 28, 2020

The Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) has developed a process for avoiding wastage of COVID-19 vaccine doses allocated by the State of Louisiana.

OPH has implemented a robust inventory management process to mitigate the risk of expiring COVID-19 vaccine product. OPH or their partners will contact each site prior to vaccination activity to gauge how many vaccines are needed, to avoid extra doses being allocated. In the rare circumstances when vaccine is expiring, please follow the guidance below:

COVID-19 Vaccine Product set to expire within 48 hours in the following sequence

- Identify any phase 1a eligible persons to administer the vaccine to;
- If there are no other eligible persons, contact your facilities' Vaccine Lead to determine if any unopened packages set to expire can be used by another location or scheduled off-site clinic within 24 hours for eligible Phase 1a persons.

COVID-19 Vaccine Product set to expire within 6 hours in the following sequence

- Identify and administer vaccine to persons that are eligible in Phase 1a;
- Administer vaccine to outpatient health personnel and health-related support personnel in the community;
- Administer vaccine to persons aged 70 years and older;
- Administer vaccine to other persons not identified above.

Persons that receive a first dose of the vaccine should qualify for the second dose at the same location.