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IMMUNIZATION COVID-19 Update

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Question of the Week

What resources are available for clients experiencing homelessness who test positive and cannot return to their current residence?

The State provides isolation sites for people who are homeless and test positive for COVID-19 and do not need assistance with activities for daily living such as eating, bathing, walking, etc.

To access this service, individuals should call 877-766-2130. When calling this line, the person is entered in the contact tracing system; they will then be referred to a Resource Coordinator regarding the isolation site. A person seeking admission must provide name, date of birth, phone number, current medication and medical diagnoses (if any), the pick-up location, and their COVID test date.

Free transportation is arranged to the isolation site, which offers single occupancy units (no families). Additional on-site services include free laundry, three meals and one snack per day, on-site medical personnel, and access to social services. Upon discharge, case management will work with all individuals to make continued housing arrangements.



Moderna seeks FDA authorization for 4th COVID booster shot

On March 17, Moderna asked the Food and Drug Administration to authorize a fourth shot of its COVID-19 vaccine as a booster dose for



all adults. Moderna said its request for an additional dose was based on “recently published data generated in the United States and Israel following the emergence of Omicron.” In a press release, the company said its request for approval for all adults was made “to provide flexibility” to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and medical providers to determine the “appropriate use” of a second booster dose of the mRNA vaccine, “including for those at higher risk of COVID-19 due to age or comorbidities.” [Read more.](#)

CDC launches online quarantine & isolation calculator



Quarantine and Isolation Calculator

A tool to help determine how long you need to isolate, quarantine, or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19.

[Get Started](#)

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched a new [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation \(Q&I\) Calculator](#). The new tool is an online, mobile-friendly calculator that will help the public stay abreast of quarantine, isolation, and personal protection guidance. It can be used by individuals, healthcare providers, businesses, and organizations that are managing COVID-19 cases and close contact exposures.

The Q&I Calculator can also be found on the LDH coronavirus website here: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/calculator>

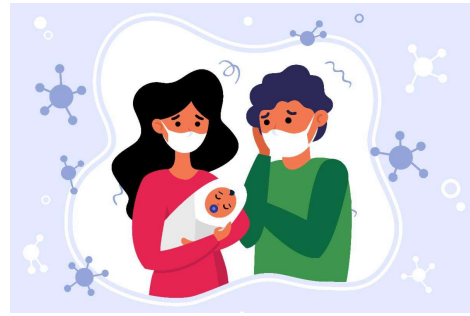
Note: The Q&I Calculator is **not** for people with COVID-19 who are moderately or severely ill or those who have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised). Instead, these individuals should consult with their doctor about when to end isolation. Healthcare providers can learn more about ending isolation for these populations by referring to the [Ending Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19: Interim Guidance web page](#).

[Read more.](#)

Hospitalization of infants, children aged 0 to 4 increased during Omicron

In new study published in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, researchers found that infants and children aged 0-4 years were hospitalized "at approximately five times the rate of the previous peak during Delta variant predominance." Among the participants in the study:

- 63% of hospitalized infants and children had no underlying medical conditions;
- 44% of those hospitalized were younger than six months, accounting for the largest group of hospitalizations; and
- there were no reported differences in indicators of severity across all age groups. [Read more.](#)



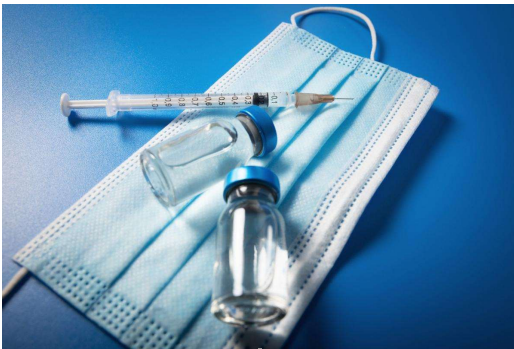
COVID-19 vaccination continues to help protect adults against severe illness with COVID-19, including hospitalizations and death, according to two reports recently released in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. In the study, "**COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations Among Adults During SARS-CoV-2 Delta and Omicron Variant Predominance, by Race/Ethnicity and Vaccination Status,**" researchers found that unvaccinated adults were twelve times more likely to be hospitalized than adults who received a booster or additional dose.

Additionally, individuals who were vaccinated but did not receive a booster or additional dose were three times more likely to be hospitalized than those who received a booster or additional dose. Furthermore, there were more hospitalizations among non-Hispanic Black adults than in other racial/ethnic groups.

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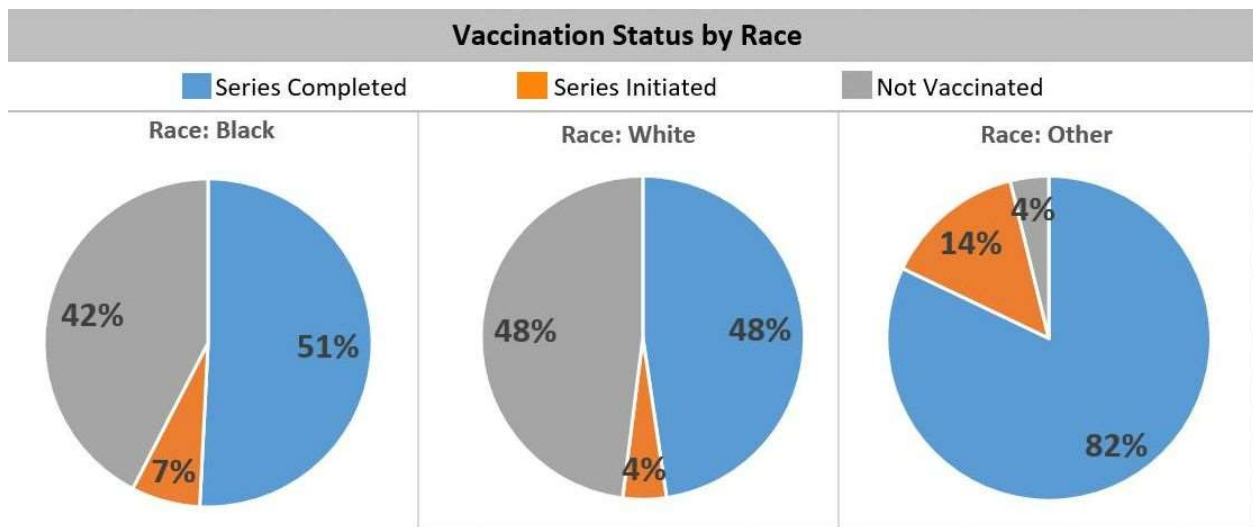
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Louisiana COVID-19 Vaccine Demographics



Good Reads

- [New COVID variant is spreading across the US. Here's what you need to know about BA.2](#)
- [More than 30 companies to produce generic version of Pfizer's COVID pill](#)
- [Are 'COVID toes' actually caused by the coronavirus?](#)
- [How current COVID-19 cases in Louisiana compare to the nation](#)
- [For the first time in 24 months, there is no COVID-19 emergency in Louisiana](#)

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