

IMMUNIZATION COVID-19 UPDATE

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VACCINE DOSES
ADMINISTERED IN
LOUISIANA

637,361

STORAGE &
HANDLING
PROVIDER
TRAINING

Louisiana
Immunization Program
will offer **an online
training for providers**
to learn the best
practices on storing
and handling the
COVID-19 vaccine.

PFIZER-BIONTECH
ACCOUNTS FOR
6TH DOSE

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currently funds 6 doses
per vial for the Pfizer
COVID-19 vaccine.
The change is taking
effect on Tuesday,
February 16, 2021.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What are the symptoms of an allergic reaction to the vaccine? What should I do if I have a reaction after getting the vaccine?

Although rare, allergic reactions are possible. It is for this reason that everyone who is vaccinated is observed for 15 minutes after getting the shot. Individuals who alert the vaccine team that they have allergies must be observed for 30 minutes. Common reactions include flushing, rapid heartbeat, and shortness of breath. If you have an allergic reaction after leaving the vaccination site, you should contact your medical provider or seek emergency care if severe. If you have a severe reaction, call 911. Visit the CDC website for more information about allergic reactions and how to report them (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.html>).

WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

Here is an overview of major updates that occurred over the week.

Pfizer-BioNtech Accounts for 6th Dose

The U.S. government currently funds 6 doses per vial, and updated ancillary kits already provide a mix of syringes that support providers extracting 6 doses per vial.

The change will be implemented **on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.** Providers will need to enter all 6 doses in LINKS after administering the vaccine. If the vaccination provider cannot pull 6 doses from the vial, the 6th dose will need to be entered as wasted.

COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Online Training for Providers

10:30 – 11 a.m. CT | Friday, February 12, 2021

All vaccination providers participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program are invited to learn the best practices for storing and handling the COVID-19 vaccines. Join the Louisiana Immunization Program at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021, for a quick online provider training as they provide information on storage and handling for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines. There is a size limit of 250 participants.

For more information, visit the COVID-19 Vaccination – Provider Training webpage (<https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4093>) found on the LDH website.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or

Android: <https://ldhophbcpreion2.zoom.us/j/87904556859>

Or Telephone:

Dial:

USA 602 333 0032

Conference code: 502264

Find local AT&T

Numbers: <https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/glbAccessprocess=1&accessNumber=6023330032&accessCode=502264>

The training will be made available on the Louisiana Department of Health YouTube Channel shortly after the completion of the online training (<https://www.youtube.com/user/MyHealthLa>).

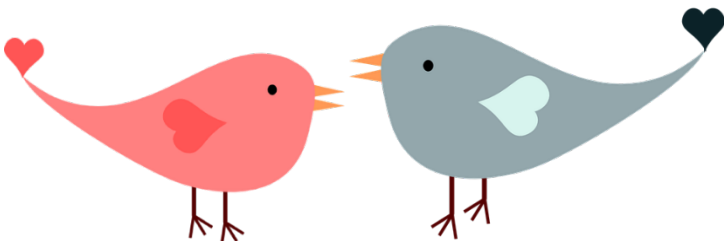
Have a Safer Valentine's Day

CDC recommendations:

The safest way to celebrate Valentine's Day is gathering virtually or with people who live with you.

- Make Valentine cards or decorations and drop them off to loved ones.
- Take a walk with your Valentine.
- Celebrate with loved ones virtually.
- Prepare a special meal or dessert.
- Plan a special movie or game night.
- Have a picnic outside.

If you plan to celebrate with people who don't live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors.



COVID-19 Vaccine Demographics

SERIES INITIATED BY RACE:

- **White:** 47.06%
- **Black:** 16.85%
- **American Indian:** 0.17%
- **Asian:** 1.54%
- **Native Hawaiian:** 0.16%
- **Unknown:** 14.32%
- **Other:** 19.89%

SERIES INITIATED BY AGE:

- **5-17:** 0.02%
- **18-29:** 4.94%
- **30-39:** 7.47%
- **40-49:** 8.21%
- **50-59:** 10.06%
- **60-69:** 14%
- **70+:** 55.29%

SERIES INITIATED BY GENDER:

- **Female:** 60.39%
- **Male:** 39.23%
- **Unknown:** 0.38%

Race data completeness is expected to improve as we continue our outreach with vaccine providers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Moderna Trainings

- Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 1 p.m. ET
 - <https://tinyurl.com/moderna08>

COVID-19 Vaccination – Provider Training

- <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4093>

COVID-19 Information for Healthcare Providers LDH webpage

- <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3880>

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Website

- <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/>

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Website

- <https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/>