



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-20201230-00489-ALT (Health Alert)

RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Available for all Healthcare
Personnel at 18 MSDH Sites

Dear Colleagues,

- **Today we are announcing that beginning *January 4, 2021*, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) will conduct drive through COVID-19 vaccination clinics directed solely at healthcare personnel at 18 sites throughout the state** (see [Scheduled COVID-19 Vaccination Sites - Mississippi State Department of Health \(ms.gov\)](#))
- **All healthcare personnel are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine through one of these sites;** healthcare personnel include all paid and unpaid personnel working in a variety of healthcare settings—for example, acute care facilities, long-term acute care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, home health care, mobile clinics, and outpatient facilities, such as dialysis centers and physicians’ and dental offices, among others. See [The Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel | CDC](#) for examples of healthcare personnel.
- **An appointment is required, and registration is now open for all sites.** Visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Screening - UMMC COVID Scheduling \(umc.edu\)](#) or <https://covidvaccine.umc.edu/> to make an appointment at any site. You do not have to live or work in the county to be vaccinated at any site.
- **We have also allocated vaccine to hospitals throughout the state to assist with vaccination of healthcare personnel not affiliated with hospitals.** We encourage healthcare personnel who are contacted by these facilities to take advantage of accessing vaccinations through this resource as well.

As additional doses are allocated in the state, please be assured that MSDH will continue to expand distribution, including to clinics, and will continue to expand access for all healthcare personnel and long-term care residents in Mississippi as part of the Phase 1a roll out.

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20201230-00489-ALT
Program (HAN) Type: Health Alert
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00489
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event

Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert

Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded



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Message Type:

Alert: Indicates an original Alert
Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).