MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-202100909-00536-ALT (Health Alert)

RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and Healthcare Providers – Statewide
Thursday, September 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Mississippi Statewide Standing Order for Women to Receive COVID-19 Vaccines During Pregnancy

Rationale:

- COVID-19 infection markedly increases the risk of maternal death, adverse maternal outcomes, and intrauterine fetal demise.
- Mississippi has lost numerous pregnant women to COVID-19 in recent weeks, all unvaccinated.
- The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and CDC strongly support vaccination of pregnant women as an effective way to prevent death and adverse outcome.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe during pregnancy and lactation.
- A minority of pregnant women are currently vaccinated against COVID-19.

Statement of Approval by the State Health Officer

This order serves as a Standing Order for pregnant women ≥12 years of age to receive COVID-19 vaccines at all stages of pregnancy and for all women ≥12 years of age who are breastfeeding.

This statewide standing order for COVID-19 vaccination among pregnant women and breastfeeding women has been approved for use by authorized healthcare professionals as of Thursday, September 9, 2021.

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State Health Officer
Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20210909-00536-ALT
Program (HAN) Type: Health Alert
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00536
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-yyyymmdd-hhmm-ITT (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
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)).