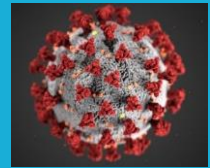


ALABAMA INTERIM COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN



Executive Summary - DRAFT

10/16/20

Introduction

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) mission is to promote, protect, and improve Alabama's health. This mission included developing a comprehensive COVID-19 Vaccination Plan to ensure all residents have access to COVID-19 vaccine when available. ADPH recognizes coordinating and collaborating with internal and external key stakeholders, is needed to garner their support, input, and implementation strategies to vaccinate everyone. ADPH has developed an Internal Implementation Committee, Internal Executive Committee, and an External Partner Committee. ADPH has included external partners from a vast array of critical infrastructure sectors and will continue to reach out to more partners as the plan develops. This Executive Summary gives high-level specifics of the plan.

Section 3: Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

ADPH will follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Recommendations, when published, to determine the final eligible priority groups for vaccine in all phases. ADPH will also utilize the Health and Human Services' (HHS) Operation Warp Speed (OWS) Tiberius web microplanning tool to assist with allocations during all phases. ADPH is also engaging internal and critical external partners to collect additional provider level information and registry provider profile data to stratify who will receive the limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine at the provider level. All providers must complete the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Provider Agreement and Profile in the statewide vaccine registry, ImmPRINT, to order COVID-19 vaccine.

Section 4: Critical Populations

ADPH will use Tiberius to identify the number and location of COVID-19 critical populations down to the county level, including maps. ADPH has created a Data Group to analyze and verify the data in Tiberius. The Data Group will use all the available databases used for COVID-19 surveillance (including the Social Vulnerabilities Index), and CDC provided databases to identify, estimate the numbers, and where they are located.

ADPH Internal Implementation Committee members were assigned, as subject matter experts, to contact their external partners to request point of contact name, phone, and email, facilities or association name, address, and total potential population to be vaccinated. ADPH internal and external committees will work together to determine additional subsets of critical populations.

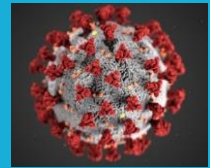
Section 5: COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

ADPH, Immunization Division (IMM) is responsible for maintaining and enhancing ImmPRINT. ImmPRINT is a lifespan registry for all residents of Alabama. ImmPRINT has a vaccine ordering management system for end-to-end accountability. There are more than 2,677 healthcare sites who utilize ImmPRINT daily, either manually or by electronic interface. For those providers currently not in ImmPRINT, IMM is utilizing the CDC 317 free adult influenza vaccine to recruit providers, including pharmacists, to register in ImmPRINT and prepare them to be COVID-19 vaccine providers. IMM will verify all provider credentials through the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Alabama Board of Nursing.

Section 8: COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling

ADPH understands the importance of storing and handling COVID-19 vaccine properly to ensure the vaccine is viable when administered. IMM will provide in-person (time permitted), WebEx, and/or written

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materials/videos on IMM's website to train providers about specific storage and handling for each COVID-19 vaccine available. Training will be documented in ImmPRINT. In addition, all providers must sign the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement and Profile which obligates them to store and handle COVID-19 vaccine properly. IMM will add links to new CDC vaccine storage and handling training as it becomes available.

Section 10: COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders

All COVID-19 vaccine providers will receive immunization cards to give to each person who receives the vaccine for their record. This card should be used to remind the patient when to come back for the second dose. If ImmPRINT receives the patient's emails, IMM can conduct mass second dose reminder email messages.

Section 12: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication

ADPH Bureau of Prevention, Promotion, and Support understands clear, accurate, timely, and effective communication is essential in successfully implementing Alabama's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Vaccination messaging will be developed for the intended audiences based on specific phases and assessed regularly, so plans may evolve as needs change. ADPH has trusted spokespersons available, an in-house studio for news conferences and trainings, social media presence, graphic designers, and contracts in place with multiple media companies. ADPH has the ability to expediate procedures for risk/crisis/emergency communications.

Section 14: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring

ADPH Medical Officer for Disease Control and Prevention has signed CDC's COVID-19 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting (VAERS) Non-disclosure Agreement. IMM has the VAERS link on the Immunization Homepage and in ImmPRINT for providers to report vaccine adverse events and administration errors. It is also stated in the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement and Profile, that providers must report all events and errors. Additional questions will be fielded through the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD), CDC's Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Project and other available resources.

Section 15: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring

ADPH Bureau of Information Technology (BIT) Team will create and run all needed ImmPRINT Reports, including provider enrollment, populations served, vaccine ordering and distribution, return vaccines, wasted vaccines, and 1- and 2-dose COVID-19 vaccination coverage.

All budgets are monitored in STAARS, the "State of Alabama Accounting and Resource System". ADPH has adopted the State of Alabama Performance Appraisal system for merit system to manage employees, including semi-monthly laborers, and hourly employees. For equipment, laptops, computers, and other items valued over \$500 received or transferred, the item must be entered into the Inventory Tracking Electronic Management Systems (ITEMS).

All Internal Implementation Committee members are required to give regular updates related to the organization with whom they interact. They are responsible for answering organization questions and setting up calls when needed to discuss issues. ADPH District Administrators are responsible for the counties within their district. They will report to the State Health Office and Field Operations Director on the local situational awareness statewide.